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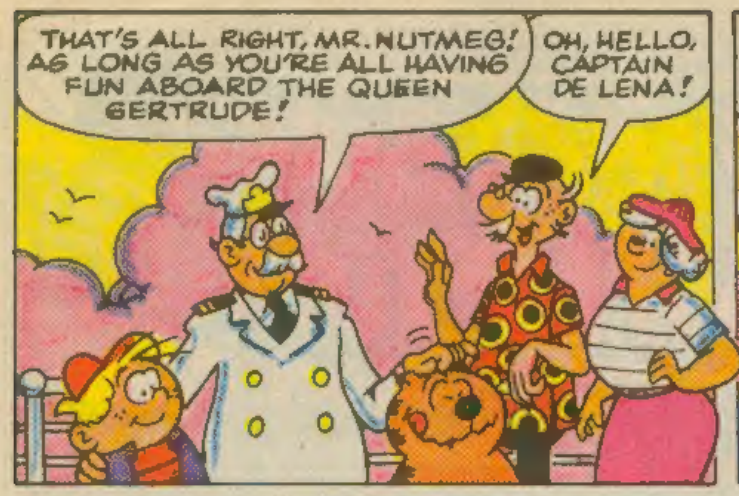
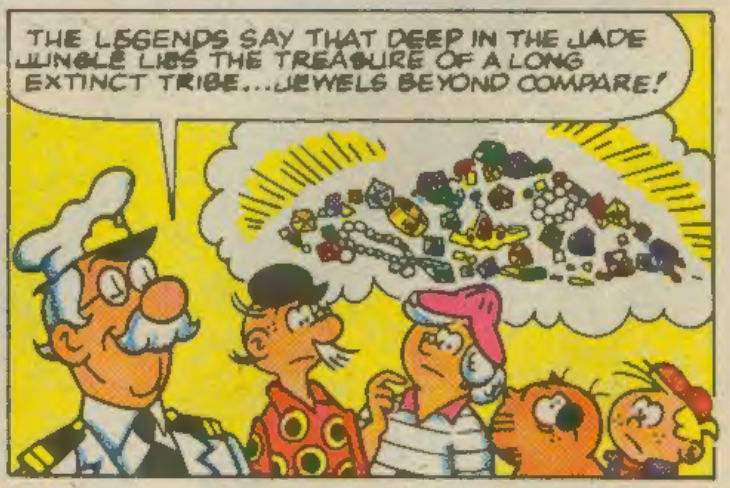
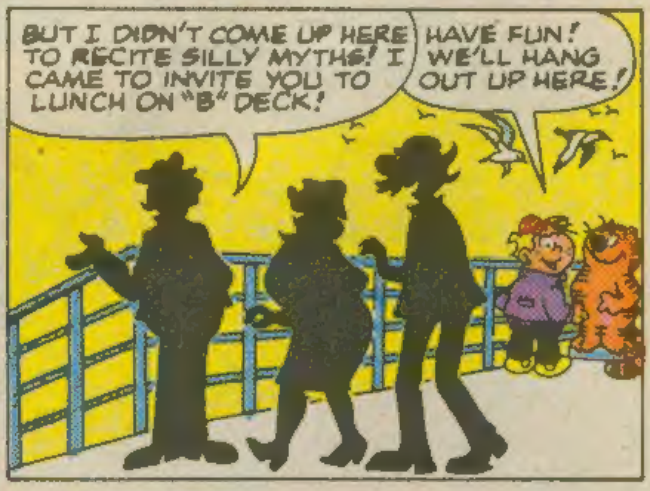

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MR. NUTMEG! AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL HAVING FUN ABOARD THE QUEEN GERTRUDE!
OH, HELLO, CAPTAIN DE LENA!

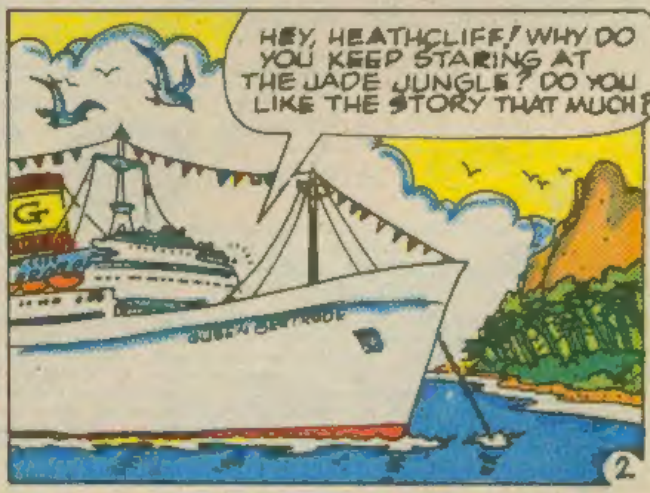
AFTER ALL IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A CAT ENTERS THE "WHOOPEE FOOD JUNGLE CONTEST" AND WINS A CRUISE FOR HIS FAMILY!

CAPTAIN...WE WERE WONDERING ABOUT THAT BEAUTIFUL TROPICAL FOREST OVER THERE?
AH, YES! THE MYSTERIOUS JADE JUNGLE!

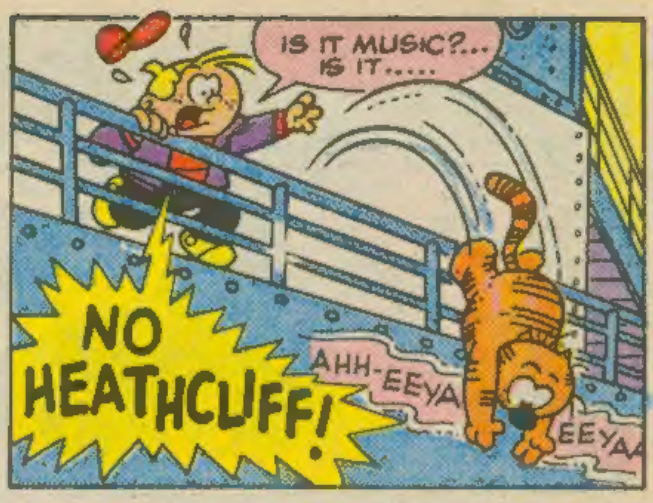

THE LEGENDS SAY THAT DEEP IN THE JADE JUNGLE LIES THE TREASURE OF A LONG EXTINCT TRIBE...JEWELS BEYOND COMPARE!

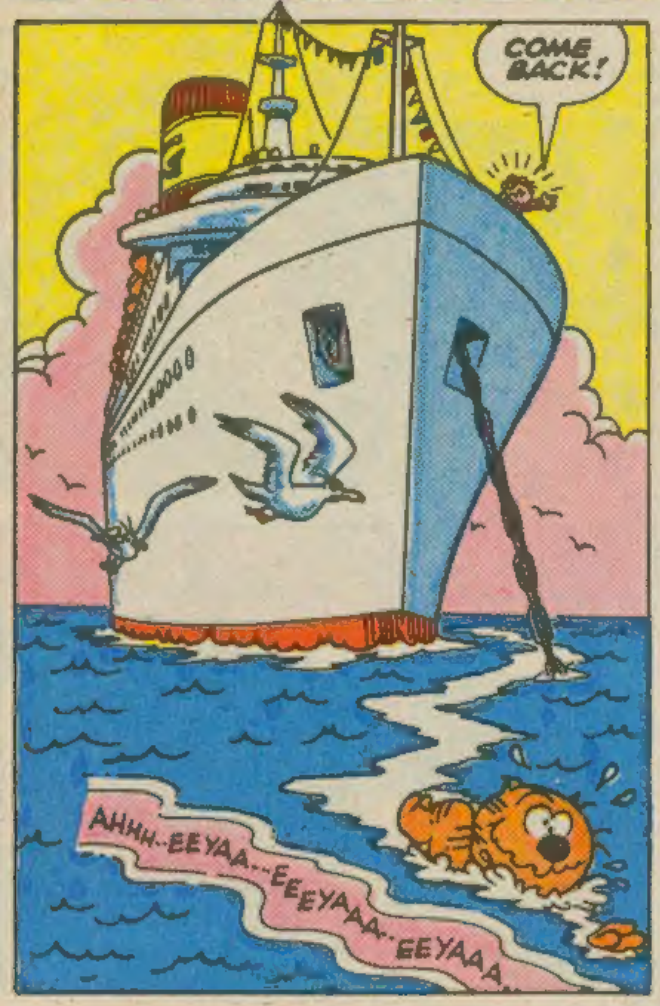
...MANY HAVE TRIED TO REMOVE THE TREASURE BUT ALL HAVE FAILED! THE JADE JUNGLE IS SUPPOSEDLY GUARDED BY A STRANGE CREATURE...HALF MAN AND HALF BEAST!"

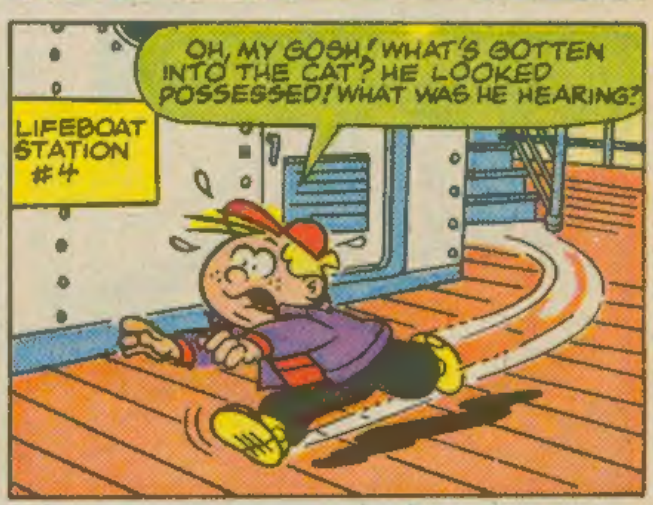

BUT I DIDN'T COME UP HERE TO RECITE SILLY MYTHS! I CAME TO INVITE YOU TO LUNCH ON "B" DECK!
HAVE FUN! WE'LL HANG OUT UP HERE!

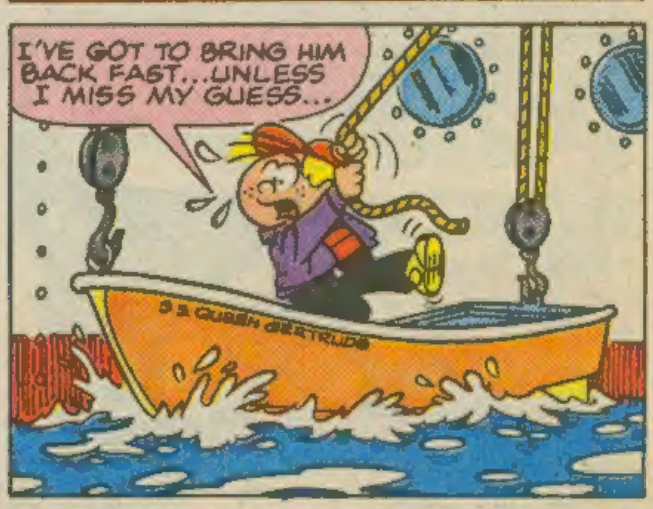

HEY, HEATHCLIFF! WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT THE JADE JUNGLE? DO YOU LIKE THE STORY THAT MUCH?

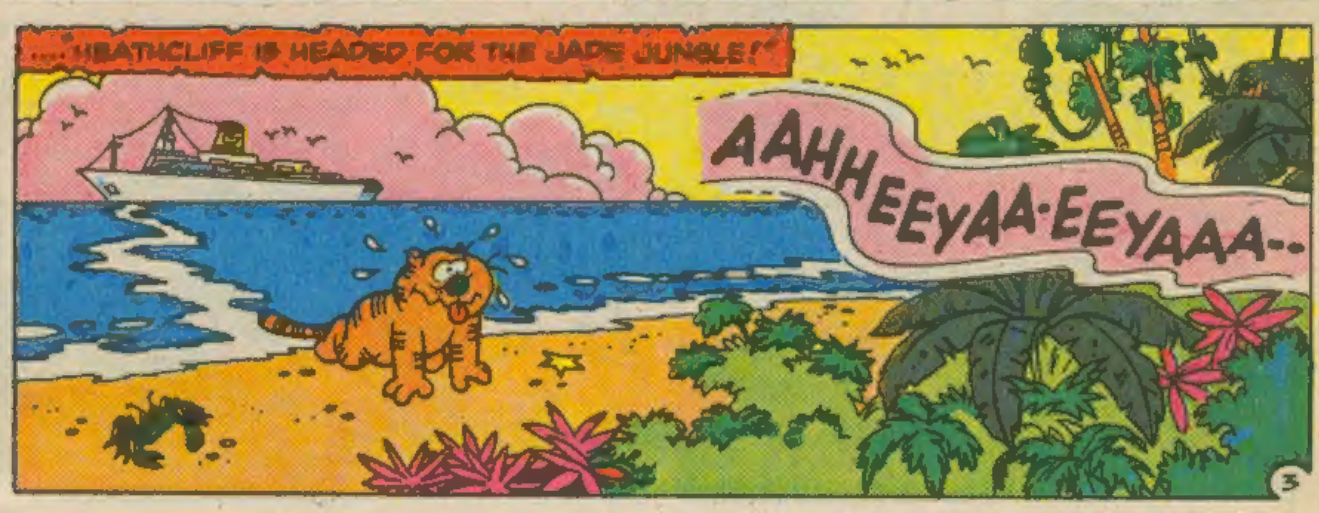
WHAT'S WRONG? DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
AHH...EEYA EEYAAEEYAA


IS IT MUSIC?... IS IT.....
NO HEATHCLIFF!
AHH-EEYA
EEYAA


COME BACK!
AHHH..EEYAA...EEEYAAA...EEYAAA


OH, MY GOSH! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THE CAT? HE LOOKED POSSESSED! WHAT WAS HE HEARING?
LIFEBOAT STATION #4


I'VE GOT TO BRING HIM BACK FAST...UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS...
S.S. QUEEN GERTRUDE


....HEATHCLIFF IS HEADED FOR THE JADE JUNGLE!"
AAHHEEYAA-EEYAAA--

AAHHH H-EEYA AAH-EEYAAHH

WELCOME, OH MIGHTY JUNGLE CATS! THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY HYPNOTIC CHANT...

I SHALL SPEAK TO YOU IN FELINGO, THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF CATS! I AM MARZIPAN, THE JUNGLE MAN... DEBONAIR PROTECTOR OF THE JADE JUNGLE! I NEED YOUR HELP... AND I'M NOT LION! HEH!
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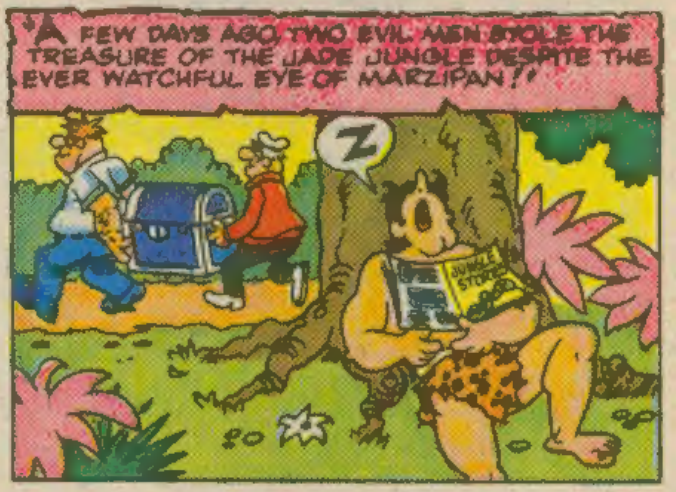
A FEW DAYS AGO, TWO EVIL MEN STOLE THE TREASURE OF THE JADE JUNGLE DESPITE THE EVER WATCHFUL EYE OF MARZIPAN!
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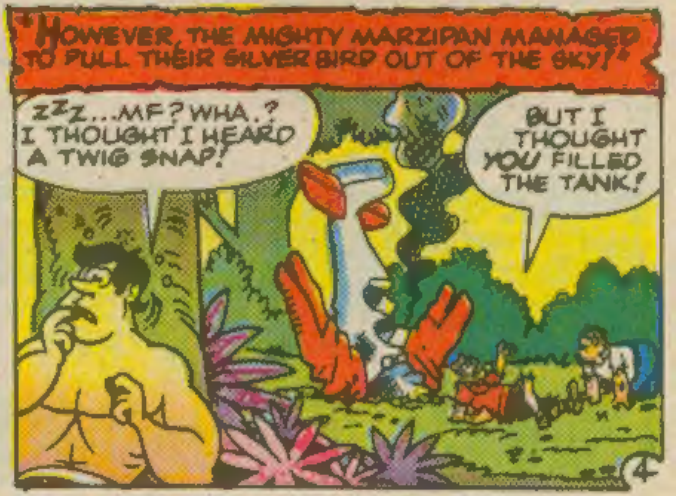

HOWEVER, THE MIGHTY MARZIPAN MANAGED TO PULL THEIR SILVER BIRD OUT OF THE SKY!
ZZZ...MF? WHA.? I THOUGHT I HEARD A TWIG SNAP!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU FILLED THE TANK!

THE EVER RESOURCEFUL MARZIPAN HAS USED ALL HIS JUNGLE WISDOM TO FIND THESE FIENDS...!

HELLO, BONGO TIMES? I WANT TO PLACE AN AD IN THE "LOST AND FOUND!"

"MARZIPAN THE MAGNIFICENT HAS TRIED TO GET THE NATIVES TO HELP, BUT NO SUCH LUCK..."

NO APPOINTMENT? SEE MY RECEPTIONIST! CASH ONLY! ALSO... TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS, I'M PLAYING GOLF!

YEAH.. YEAH!

WITCH DOCTOR

AND SO, I HAVE GATHERED YOU ALL HERE TO HELP ME TRACK THESE... HEY! WHERE'S EVERYONE GOING?

FORGET IT, MARZY! YOU'RE ALWAYS ASKING US TO GET YOU OUT OF JAMS! WE'RE SICK OF IT!

I'D LOVE TO GET A HOLD OF WHOEVER TAUGHT HIM THAT HYPNOTIC CHANT!

DON'T CALL US! WE'LL CALL YOU!

ALAS! WILL NOT ONE JUNGLE BEAST RAISE HIS VOICE AND HELP MARZIPAN THE MOROSE!?

YUM!

EEEEYEOWW!

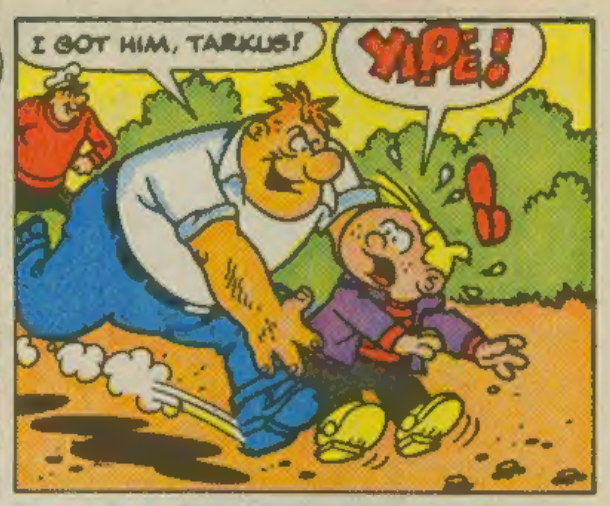
HEY, I LIKE YOU! YOU'RE SMALL BUT ENTHUSIASTIC!

COME, LITTLE CUB, WE'LL PLAN OUR STRATEGY IN MY "CONGO CONDO"! WE MUST FIND THOSE EVIL MEN...

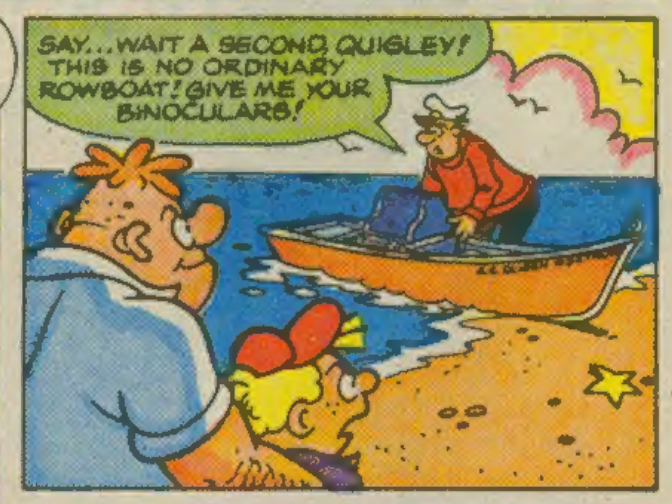
"... WHO ARE DESPERATE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE JADE JUNGLE!"

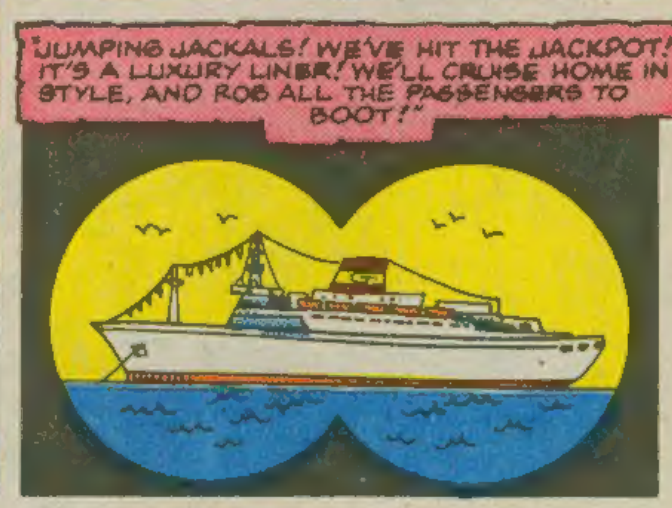
WHEW! LAND AT LAST!

NOW LET'S SEE...A GOOD DETECTIVE ALWAYS CHECKS FOR PRINTS...IN THIS CASE, PAWPRINTS!


I GOT HIM, TARKUS!
YIPE!

GOOD WORK, QUIGLEY! THANKS FOR THE BOAT, KID! IT'S FERRY NICE OF YOU TO GIVE IT TO US!
DON'T WORRY, KID! WE'LL TAKE YOU ALONG...AS SHARK BAIT!


SAY...WAIT A SECOND, QUIGLEY! THIS IS NO ORDINARY ROWBOAT! GIVE ME YOUR BINOCULARS!

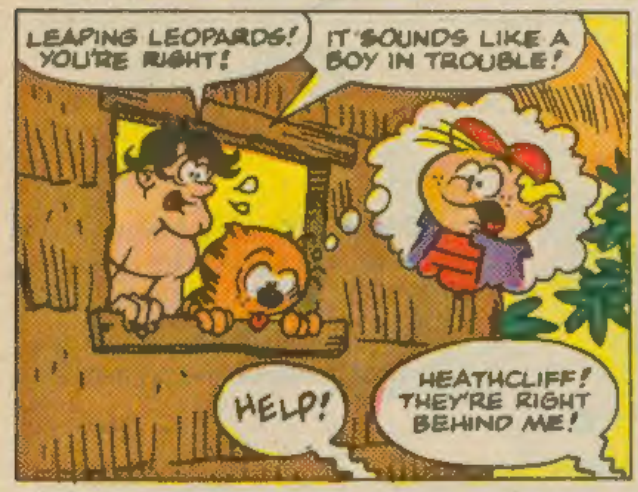

"JUMPING JACKALS! WE'VE HIT THE JACKPOT! IT'S A LUXURY LINER! WE'LL CRUISE HOME IN STYLE, AND ROB ALL THE PASSENGERS TO BOOT!"

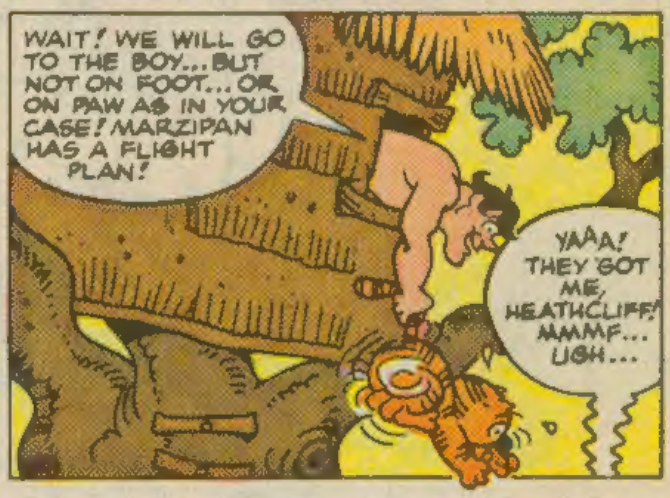
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
HERE'S A TRICK FROM THOSE 98 LB. WEAKLING ADS IN OLD COMIC BOOKS!
HEY!

HEATHCLIFF! HELP!!
GET THAT KID! WE NEED HIM AS A HOSTAGE!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN MARZIPAN'S CONDO...
HERE'S A PICTURE OF AN ELEPHANT I SHOT IN MY PAJAMAS...HOW HE GOT IN MY PAJAMAS, I'LL NEVER KNOW!

WHAT IS IT, LITTLE CUB!? SOMEONE ELSE TRYING TO IMITATE MARZIPAN'S CATCALL?
HELP! HELP!


LEAPING LEOPARDS! YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT SOUNDS LIKE A BOY IN TROUBLE!
HELP!
HEATHCLIFF! THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND ME!

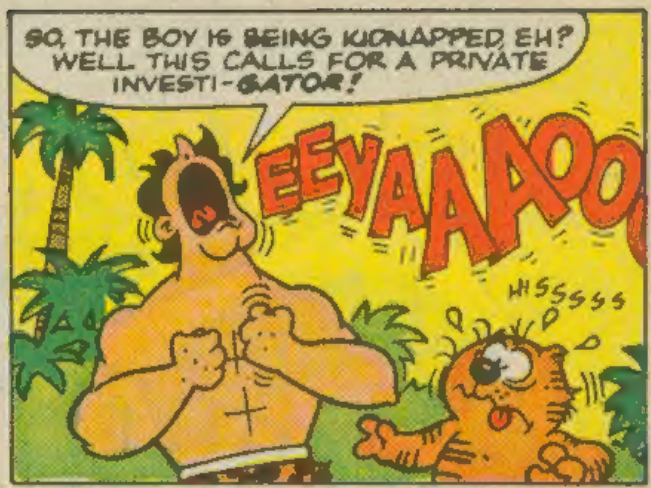

WAIT! WE WILL GO TO THE BOY...BUT NOT ON FOOT...OR ON PAW AS IN YOUR CASE! MARZIPAN HAS A FLIGHT PLAN!
YAAA! THEY GOT ME, HEATHCLIFF! MMMF... UGH...

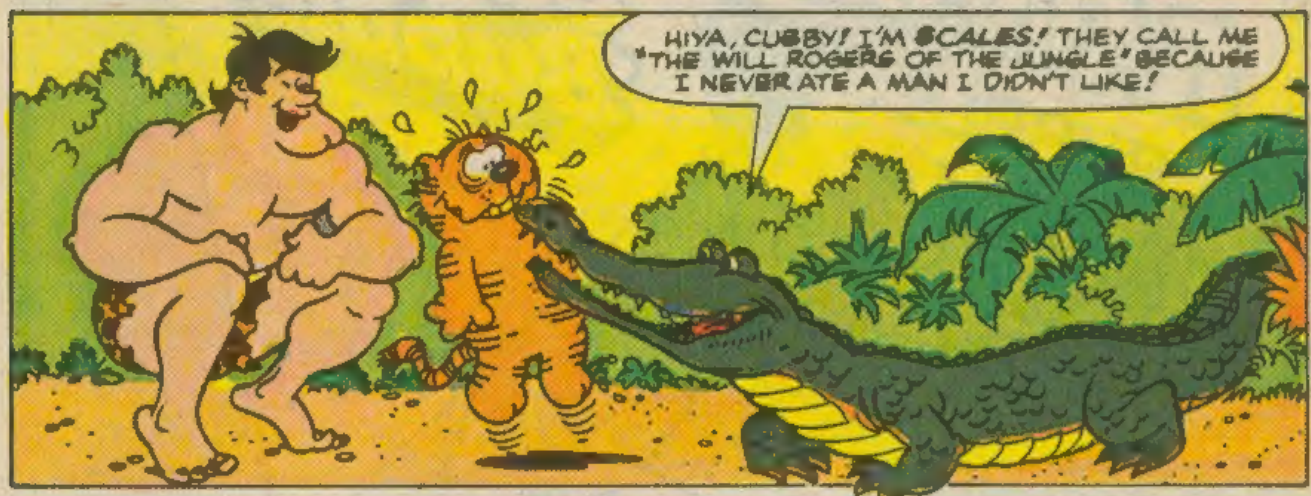
HANG TIGHT, CUBLING! WE WILL RESCUE THE BOY!! EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST VINE!

THERE GOES MARZIPAN AND A FRIEND! LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, TOUCAN FLY AS CHEAPLY AS ONE!
OH, BEAK QUIET!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR FRIEND HAS GONE BOATING WITHOUT YOU! CANOE EXPLAIN THAT?

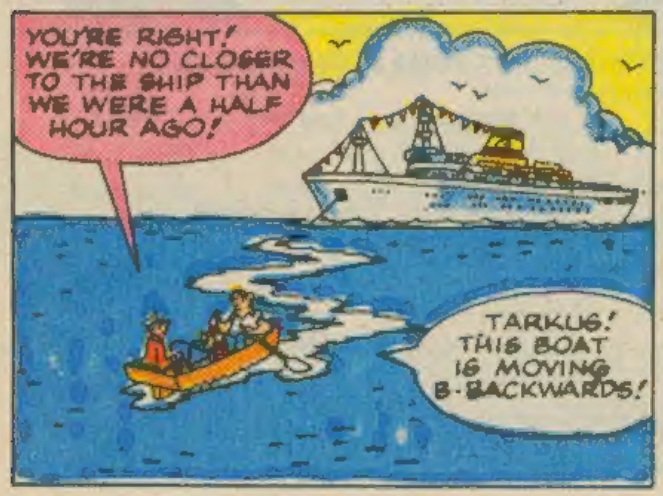
WHO'S THAT ON THE BEACH, TARKUS?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT I'LL BLAST THEM IF THEY TRY TO STOP US!


SO, THE BOY IS BEING KIDNAPPED, EH? WELL THIS CALLS FOR A PRIVATE INVESTI-GATOR!
EEYAAAOO
HISSSSS


HIYA, CUBBY! I'M SCALES! THEY CALL ME "THE WILL ROGERS OF THE JUNGLE" BECAUSE I NEVER ATE A MAN I DIDN'T LIKE!

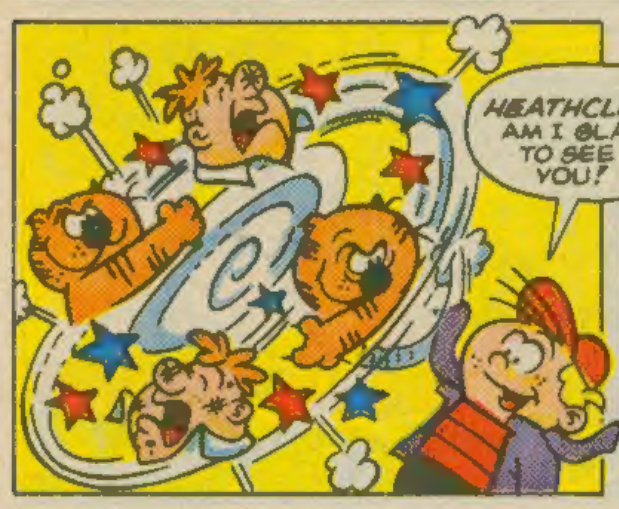
SCALES... I KNOW YOU'RE SWAMPED WITH REQUESTS, BUT WE REALLY NEED HELP ON THIS ONE!
SURE, MARZY! WE ALL MARSH TO THE SAME DRUM! YUK! YUK! AIN'T LIFE A CROC!

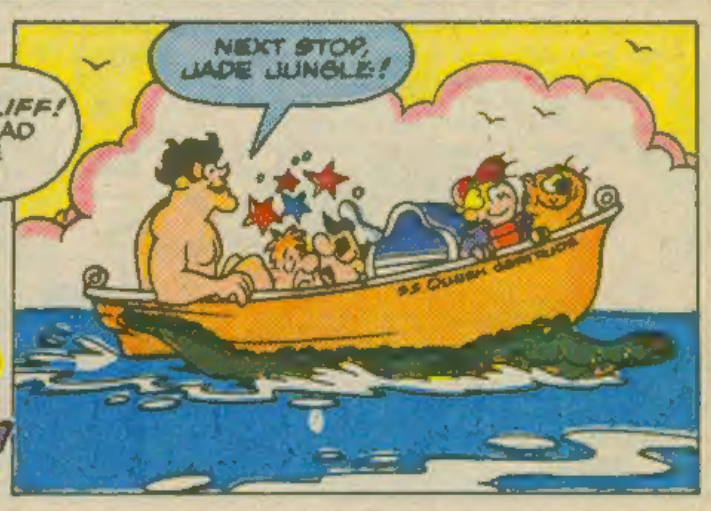
COME ON, QUIGLEY! I'M GIVING THE OAR-DERS HERE! NOW ROW!
I'VE BEEN ROWING, BUT WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE!


YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'RE NO CLOSER TO THE SHIP THAN WE WERE A HALF HOUR AGO!
TARKUS! THIS BOAT IS MOVING B-BACKWARDS!

LET ME TAKE A LOOK OVER THE SIDE AND... EEEYOW!!
TARKUS! THIS IS NO TIME TO GO SKINNY DIPPING!
SPLASH!

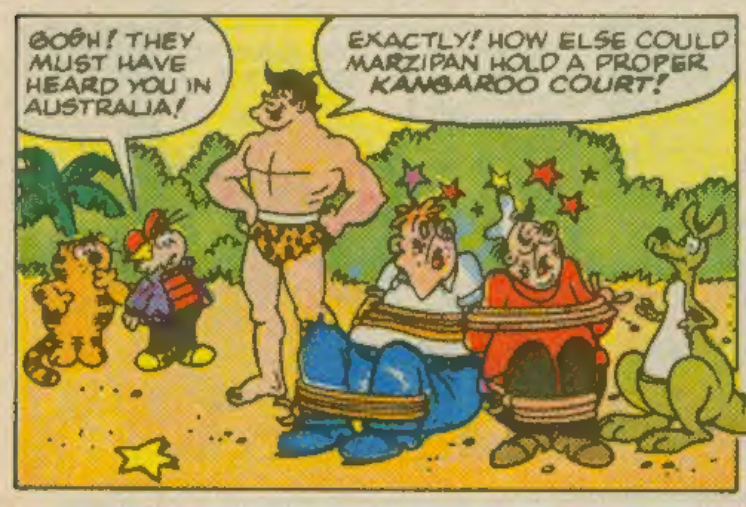
AAIEEEE!! A DEMON FROM THE SEA IS BEING CAT-APULTED AT ME!
REALLY, NOW, MR. TARKUS! I MUST INSIST THAT YOU STOP HITTING MY FIST WITH YOUR FACE!

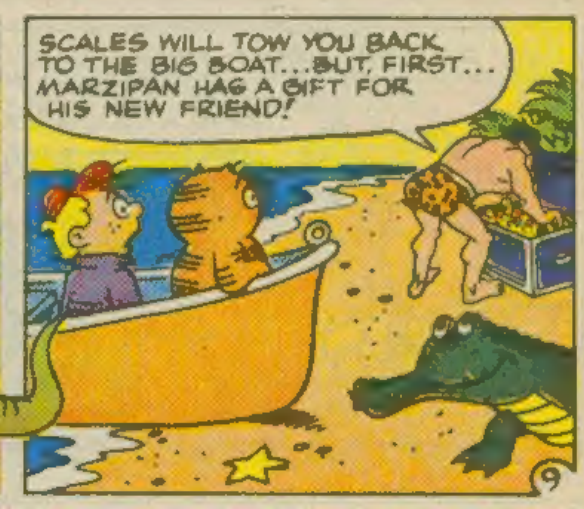

HEATHCLIFF! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

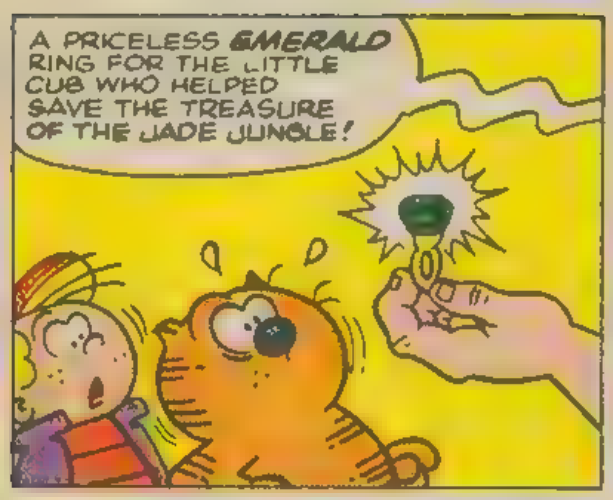

NEXT STOP, JADE JUNGLE!

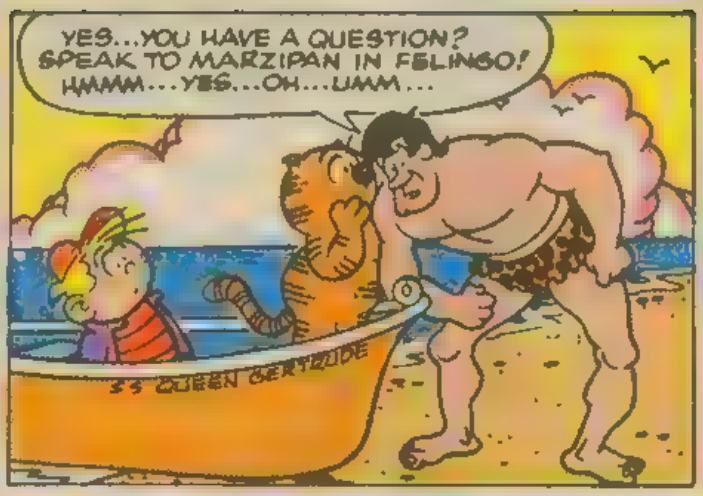
GOSH, MARZIPAN! ARE THESE TWO GOING TO BE TRIED ACCORDING TO JUNGLE LAW?
YES, BUT MARZIPAN MUST USE "MIGHTY MOUTH" TO SUMMON SPECIAL PROSECUTOR!

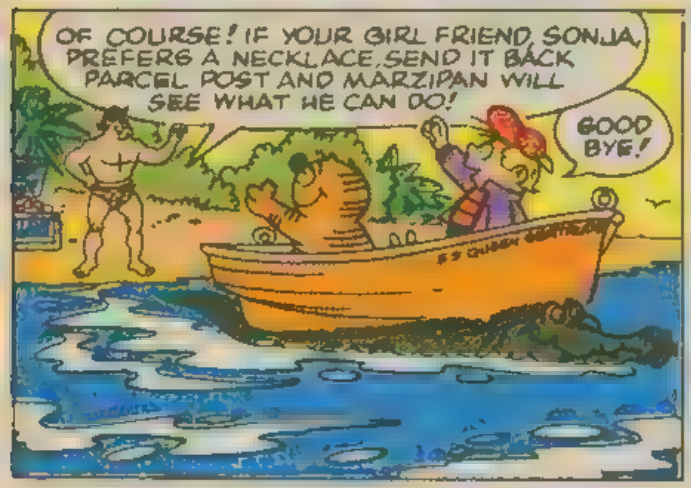
AH-EEYAHH!

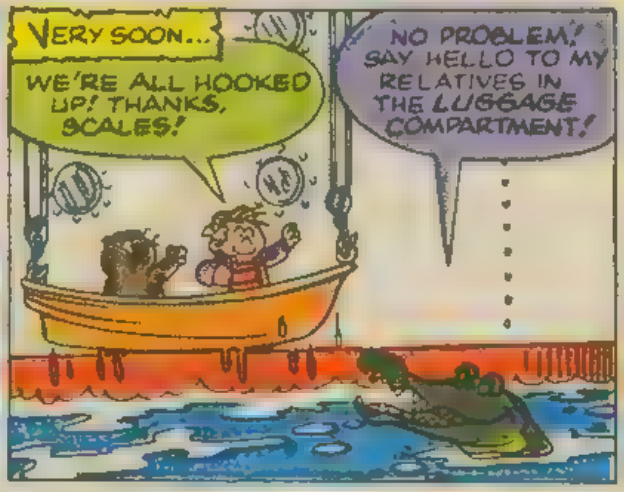

GOSH! THEY MUST HAVE HEARD YOU IN AUSTRALIA!
EXACTLY! HOW ELSE COULD MARZIPAN HOLD A PROPER KANGAROO COURT!

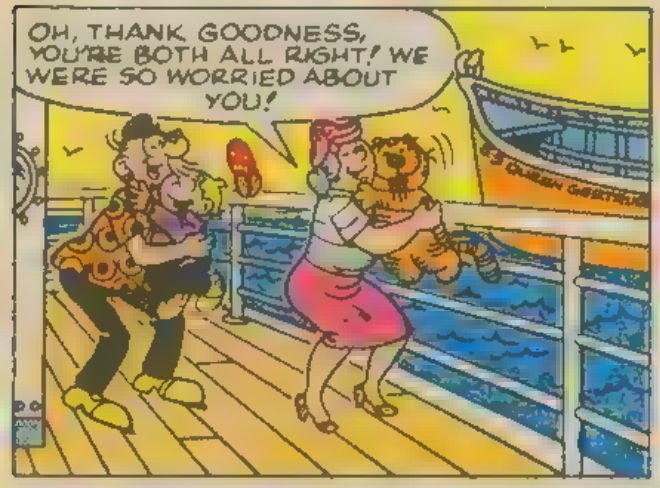

SCALES WILL TOW YOU BACK TO THE BIG BOAT...BUT, FIRST... MARZIPAN HAS A GIFT FOR HIS NEW FRIEND!

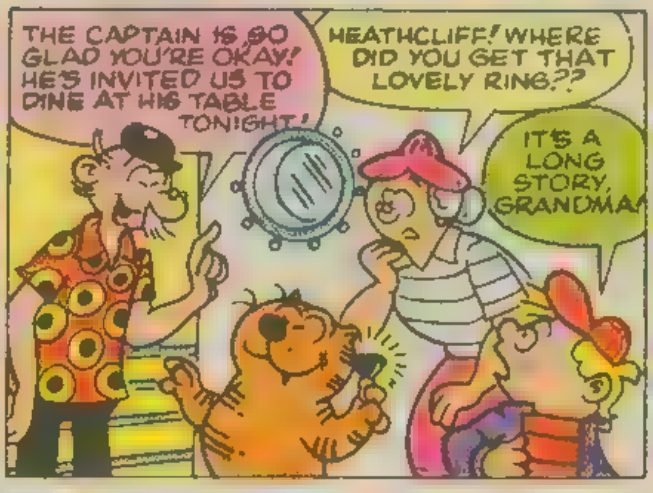

A PRICELESS EMERALD RING FOR THE LITTLE CUB WHO HELPED SAVE THE TREASURE OF THE JADE JUNGLE!


YES...YOU HAVE A QUESTION? SPEAK TO MARZIPAN IN FELINGO! HMMM...YES...OH...UMM...
SS QUEEN GERTRUDE


OF COURSE! IF YOUR GIRL FRIEND SONJA PREFERS A NECKLACE, SEND IT BACK PARCEL POST AND MARZIPAN WILL SEE WHAT HE CAN DO!
GOOD BYE!


VERY SOON...
WE'RE ALL HOOKED UP! THANKS, SCALES!
NO PROBLEM! SAY HELLO TO MY RELATIVES IN THE LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT!


OH, THANK GOODNESS, YOU'RE BOTH ALL RIGHT! WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!


THE CAPTAIN IS SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY! HE'S INVITED US TO DINE AT HIS TABLE TONIGHT!
HEATHCLIFF! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT LOVELY RING??
IT'S A LONG STORY, GRANDMA!

THAT EVENING...
BOYS, WE'RE ALL GLAD YOU RETURNED SAFE AND SOUND, BUT NEXT TIME TELL SOMEONE IF YOU'RE GOING EXPLORING! THIS IS A DANGEROUS AREA!
YOU SAID IT, CAPTAIN! IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!
CLICK!

THE END

HEATHCLIFF
"IT'S IN THE BAG"
SLUGGO'S GYM
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POW
BAM!
SLUGGO'S GYM
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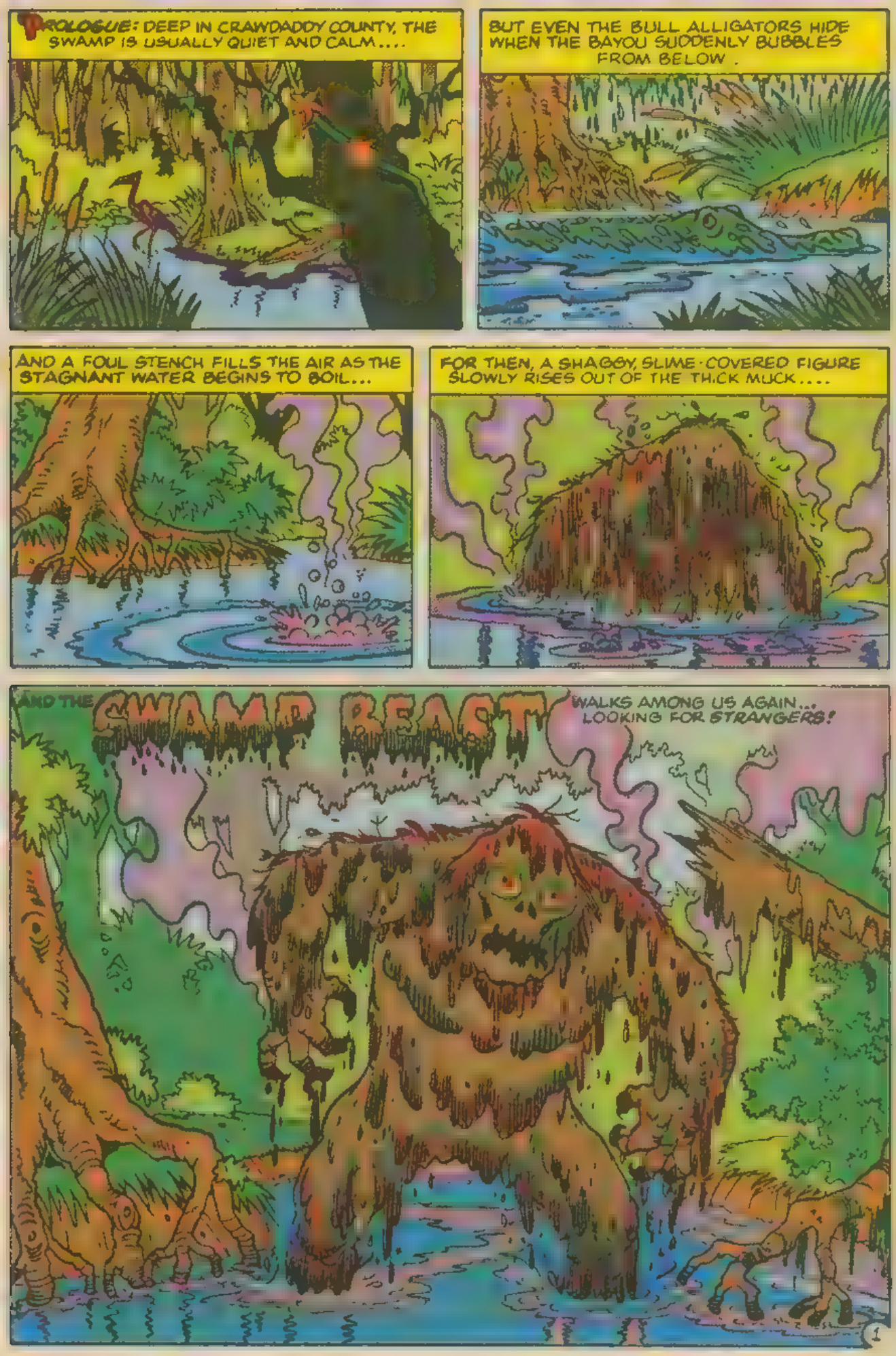
PROLOGUE: DEEP IN CRAWDADDY COUNTY, THE SWAMP IS USUALLY QUIET AND CALM....
BUT EVEN THE BULL ALLIGATORS HIDE WHEN THE BAYOU SUDDENLY BUBBLES FROM BELOW.
AND A FOUL STENCH FILLS THE AIR AS THE STAGNANT WATER BEGINS TO BOIL...
FOR THEN, A SHAGGY, SLIME-COVERED FIGURE SLOWLY RISES OUT OF THE THICK MUCK....
AND THE SWAMP BEAST WALKS AMONG US AGAIN... LOOKING FOR STRANGERS!
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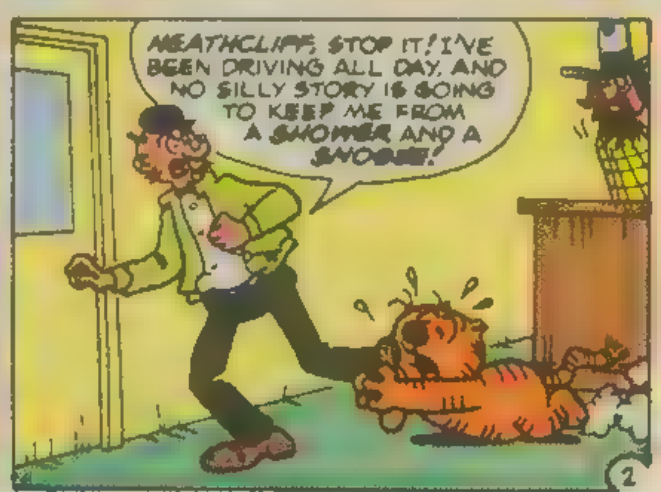
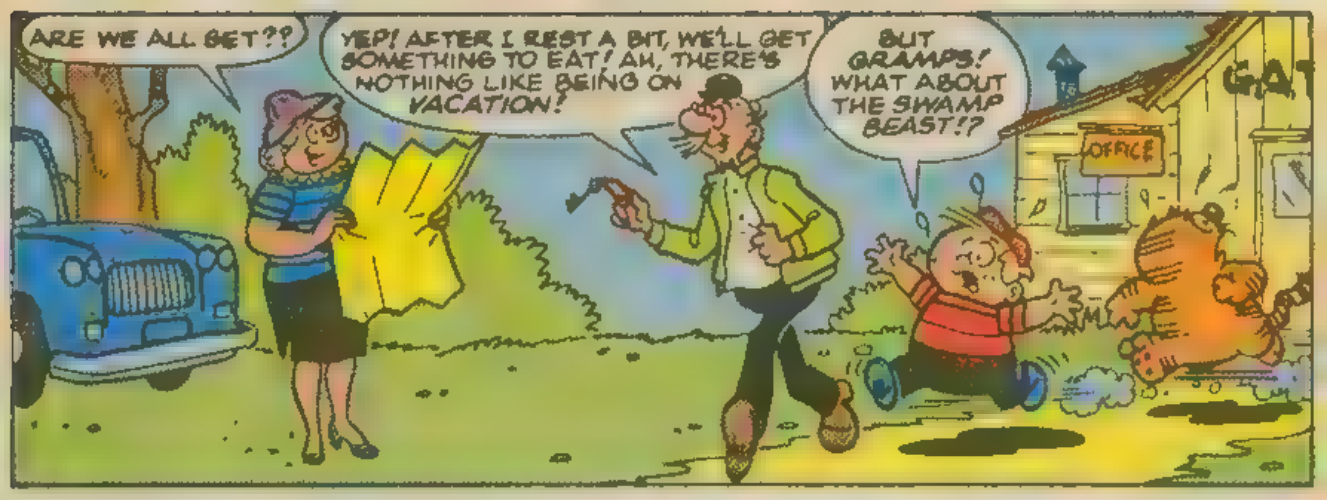
HEATHCLIFF MEETS THE SWAMP BEAST

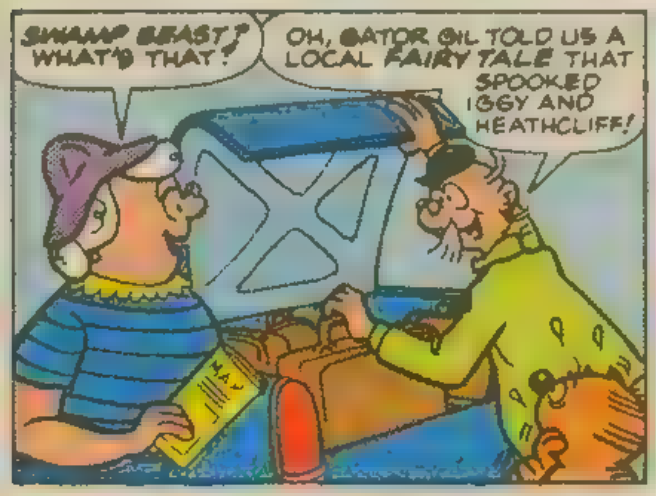
THAT'S A PRETTY *FUNNY* STORY, GATOR GIL... BUT IT DIDN'T SCARE US, DID IT, BOYS?

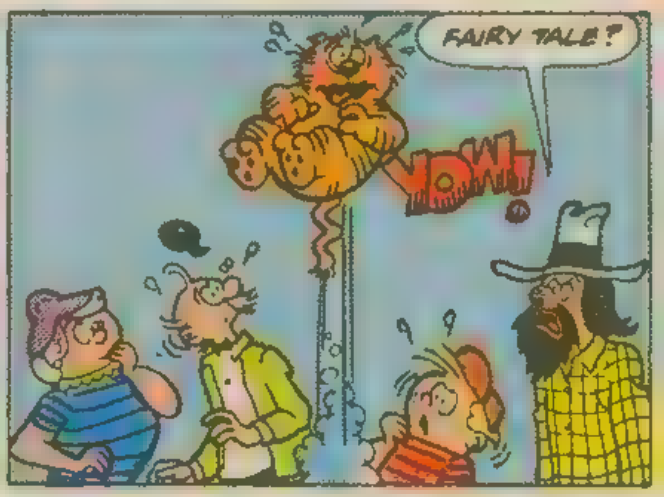
GATOR GIL'S HOTEL
CRAWDADDY COUNTY

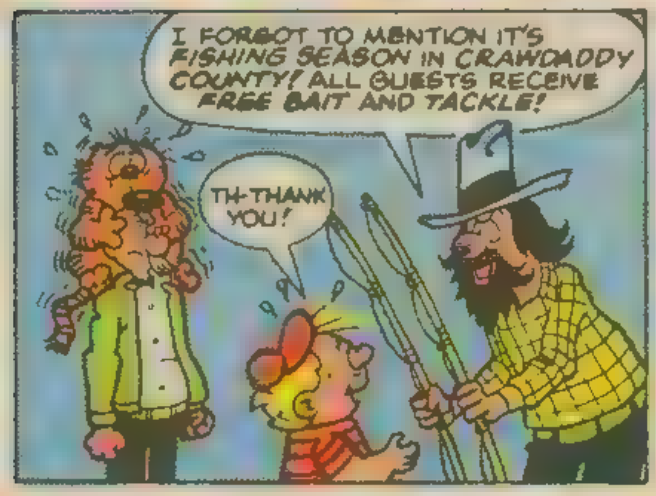
GALLAGHER/KREMER/LEON



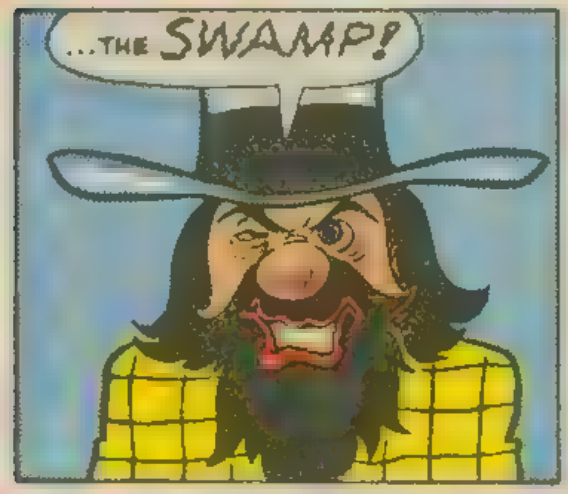

ARE WE ALL SET??
YEP! AFTER I REST A BIT, WE'LL GET SOMETHING TO EAT! AH, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE BEING ON VACATION!
BUT GRAMPS! WHAT ABOUT THE SWAMP BEAST!?
OFFICE

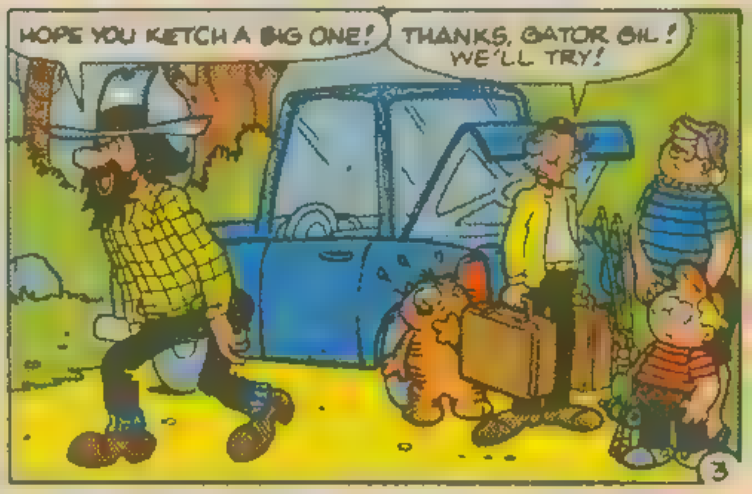

SWAMP BEAST? WHAT'D THAT?
OH, GATOR GIL TOLD US A LOCAL FAIRY TALE THAT SPOOKED IGGY AND HEATHCLIFF!

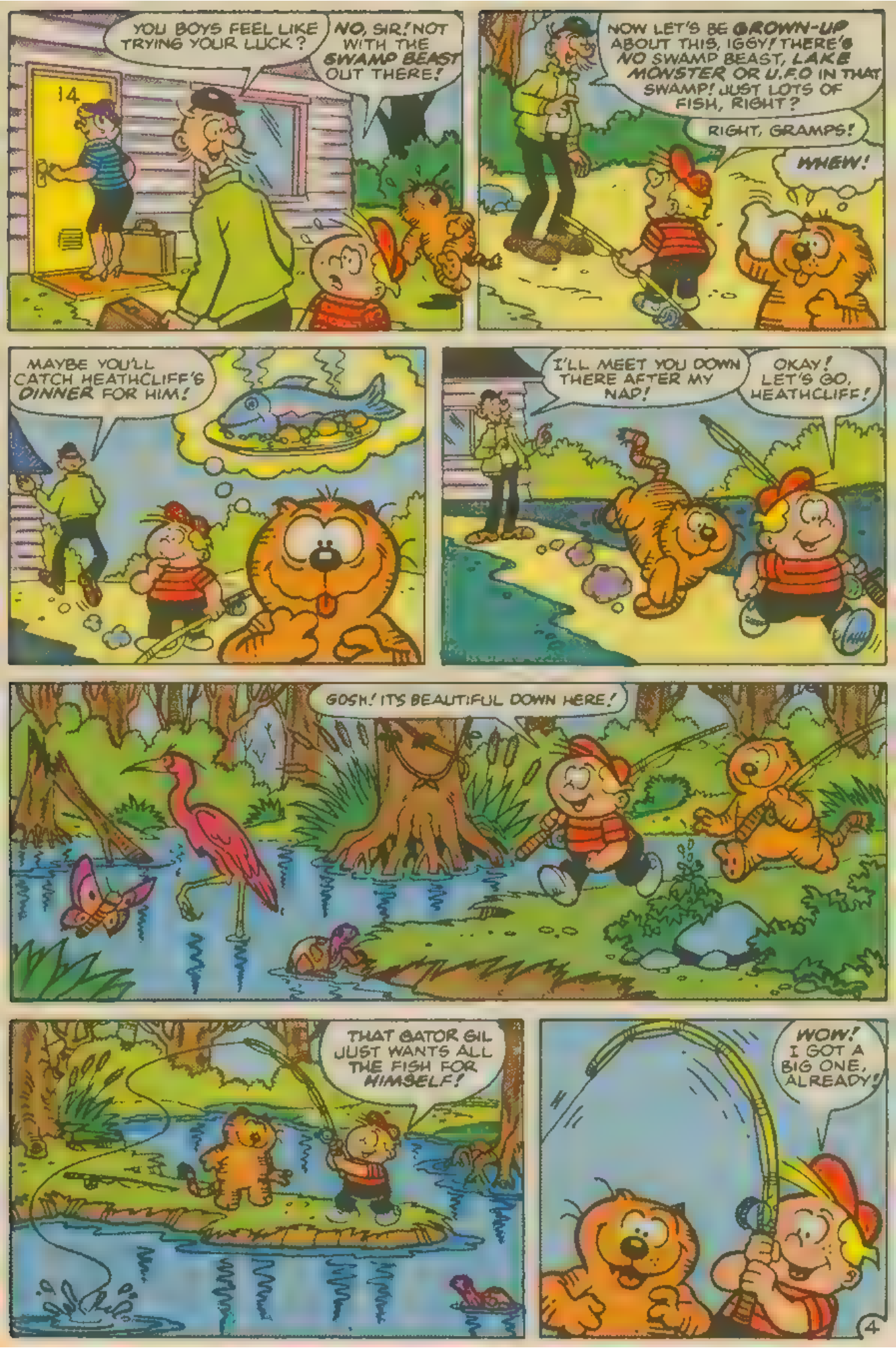

FAIRY TALE?
YOW!


I FORGOT TO MENTION IT'S FISHING SEASON IN CRAWDADDY COUNTY! ALL GUESTS RECEIVE FREE BAIT AND TACKLE!
TH-THANK YOU!

HOW FAR IS THE LAKE?
NO LAKES AROUND HERE! THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE TO FISH...


...THE SWAMP!


HOPE YOU KETCH A BIG ONE!
THANKS, GATOR GIL! WE'LL TRY!


YOU BOYS FEEL LIKE TRYING YOUR LUCK?
NO, SIR! NOT WITH THE SWAMP BEAST OUT THERE!
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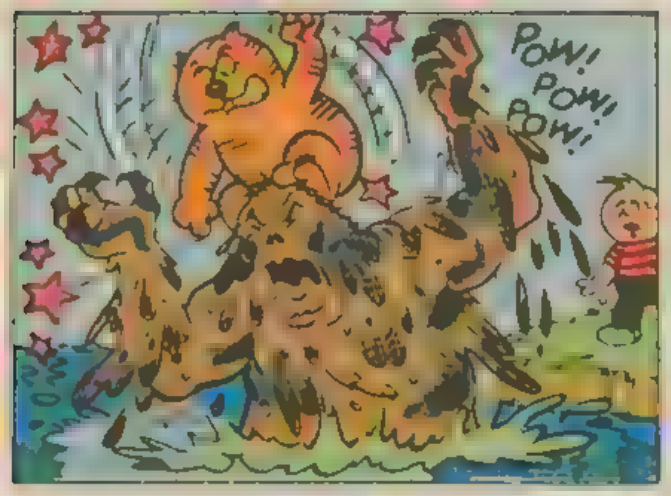
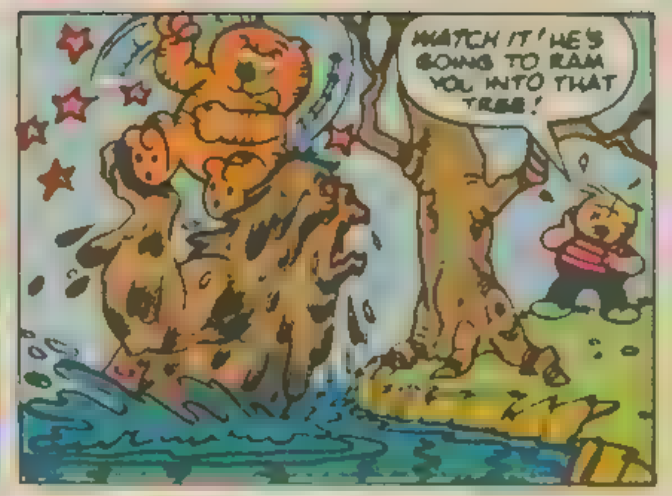
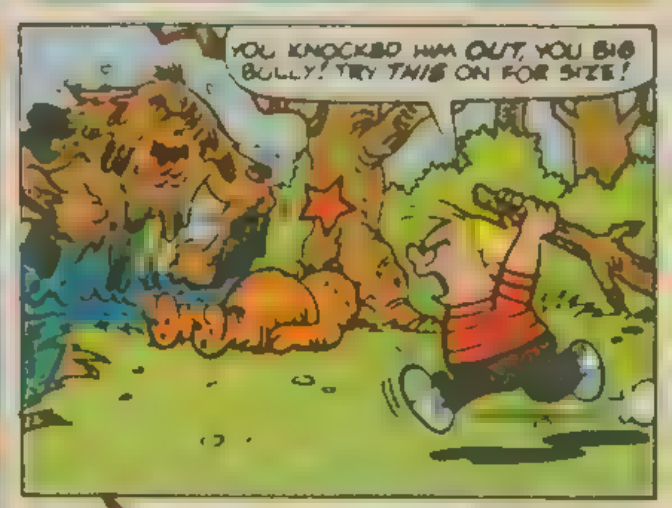
NOW LET'S BE GROWN-UP ABOUT THIS, IGGY! THERE'S NO SWAMP BEAST, LAKE MONSTER OR U.F.O IN THAT SWAMP! JUST LOTS OF FISH, RIGHT?
RIGHT, GRAMPS!
WHEW!
MAYBE YOU'LL CATCH HEATHCLIFF'S DINNER FOR HIM!
I'LL MEET YOU DOWN THERE AFTER MY NAP!
OKAY! LET'S GO, HEATHCLIFF!
GOSH! ITS BEAUTIFUL DOWN HERE!
THAT GATOR GIL JUST WANTS ALL THE FISH FOR HIMSELF!
WOW! I GOT A BIG ONE, ALREADY!
4

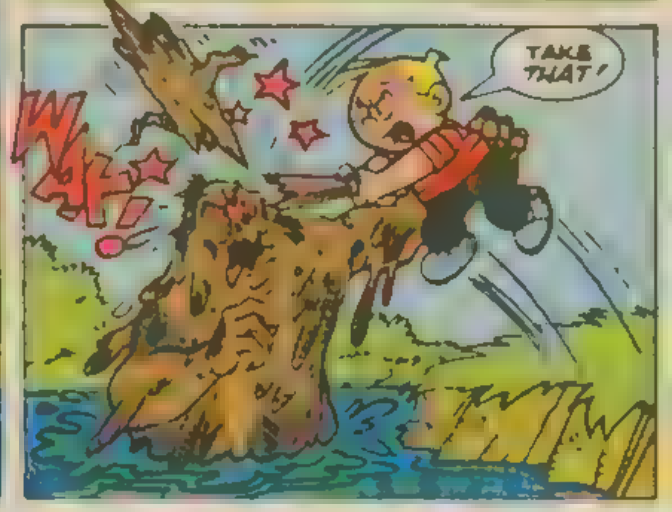
ARRGHH!
OH, MY GOSH! I HOOKED THE SWAMP BEAST!
GRRRR!
RUN!
OOF!
ARRGH!
HE'S DRAGGING ME BACK! HELP!
ROWRR!
HEATHCLIFF!

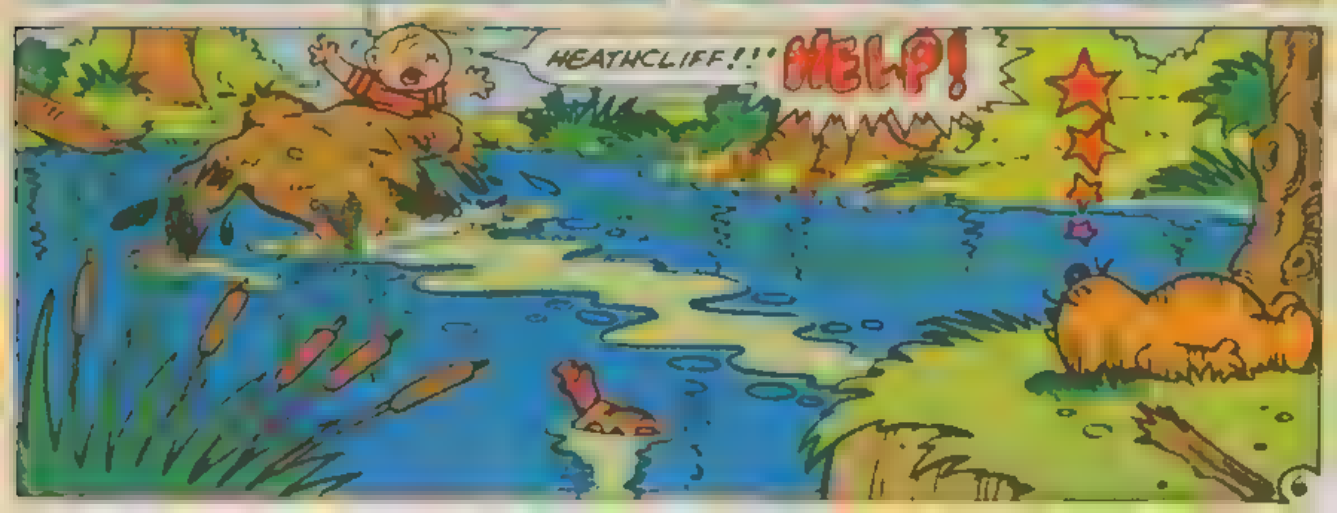

POW! POW! POW!


WATCH IT! HE'S GOING TO RAM YOU INTO THAT TREE!

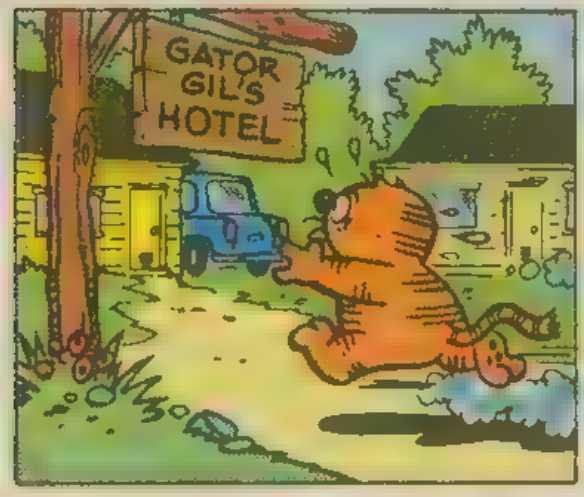
BONK!

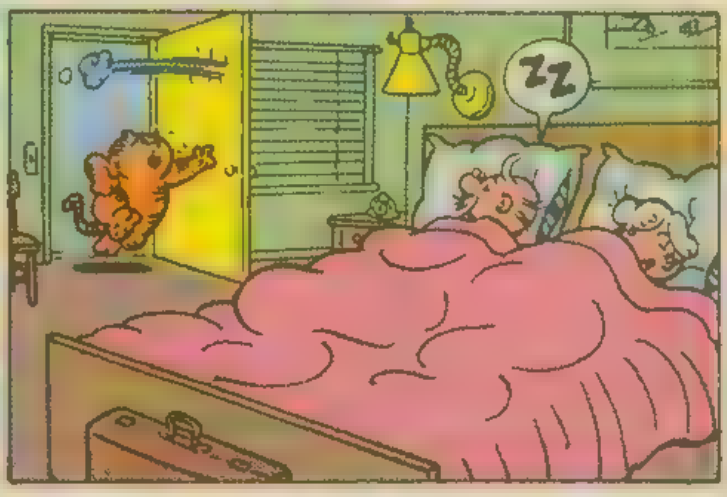

YOU KNOCKED HIM OUT, YOU BIG BULLY! TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE!


TAKE THAT!
WAP!


HEATHCLIFF!!! HELP!

SHORTLY...


GATOR GIL'S HOTEL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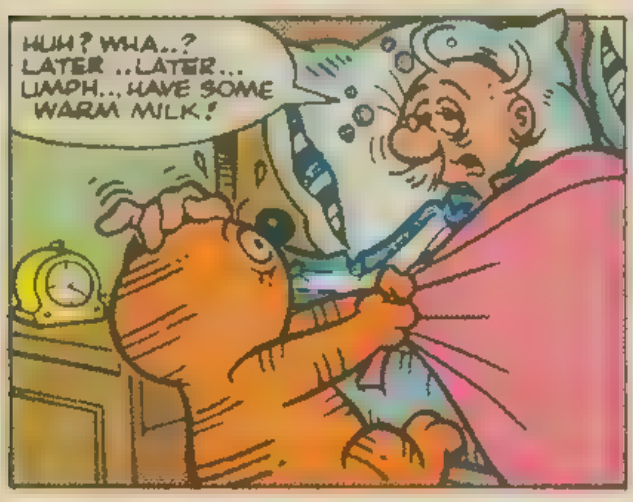
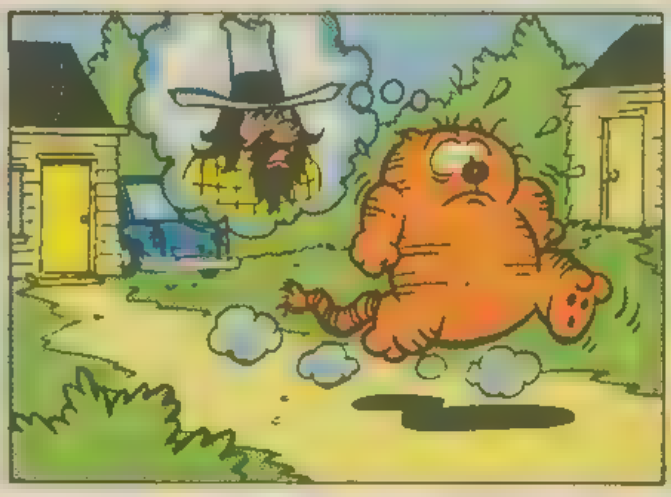
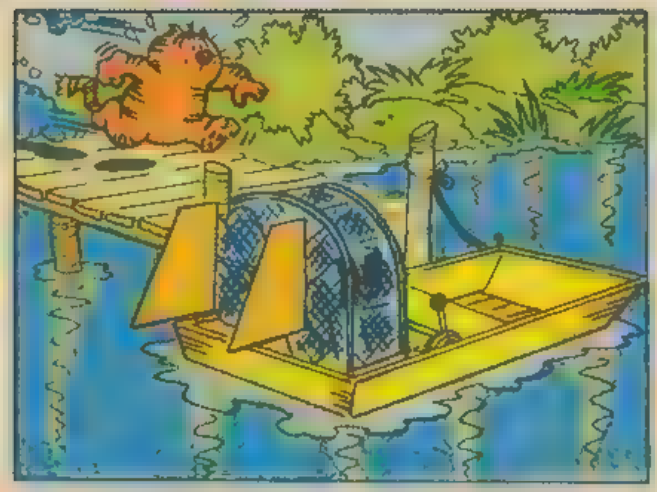
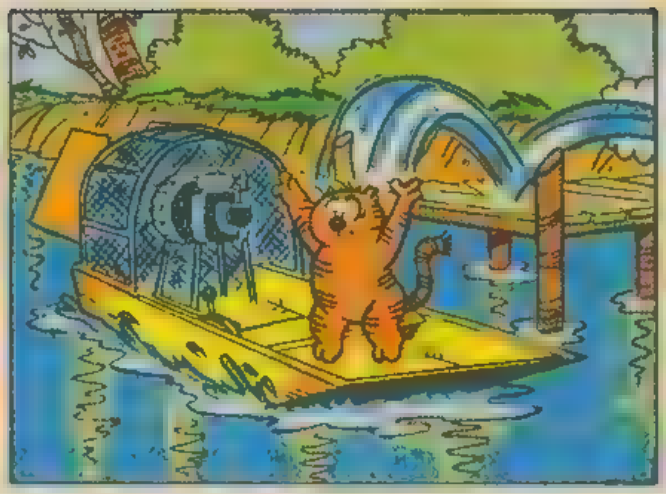
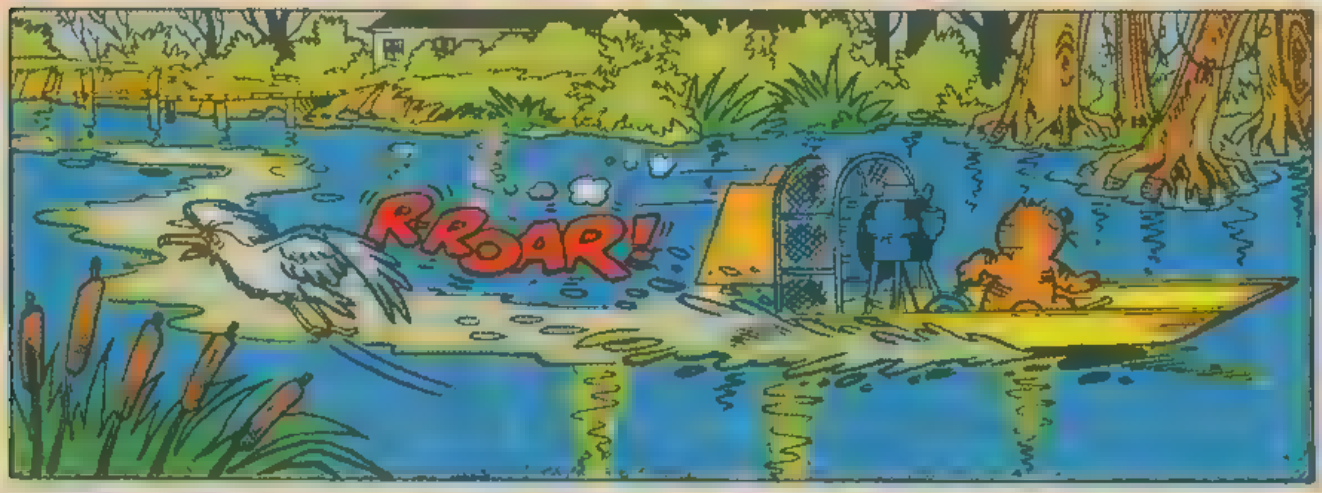

HUH? WHA..? LATER ..LATER... UMPH... HAVE SOME WARM MILK!

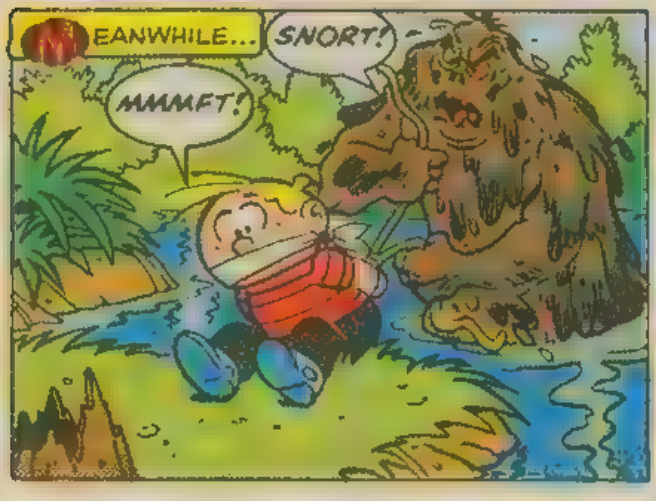


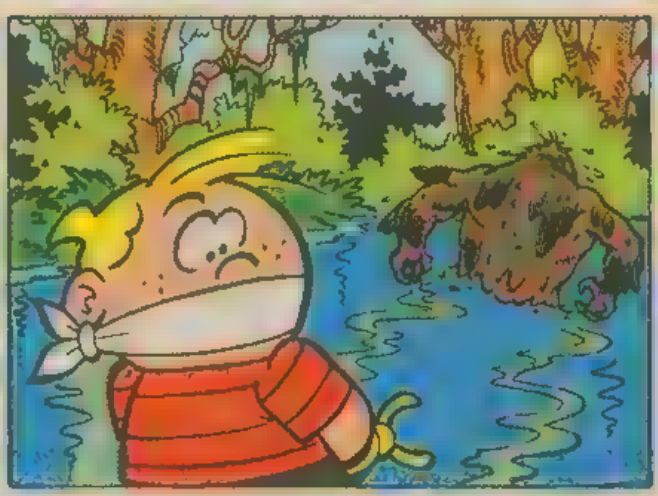
OFFICE
CLOSED
SEE BEAUTIFUL CRAWDADDY COUNTY BY AIRBOAT
RENTALS BEHIND OFFICE



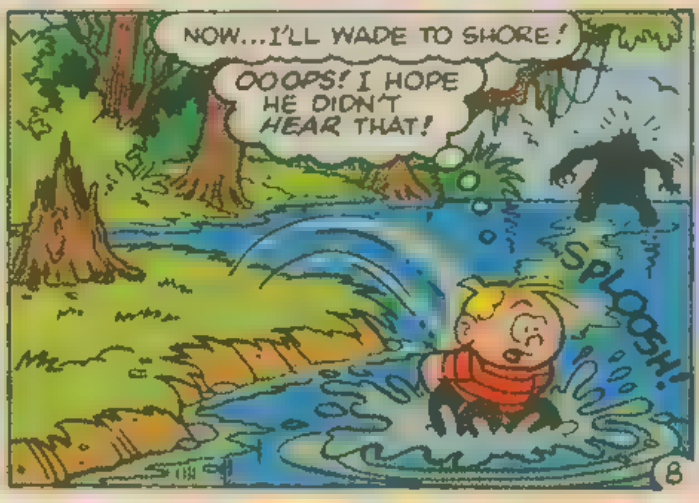



RROAR!

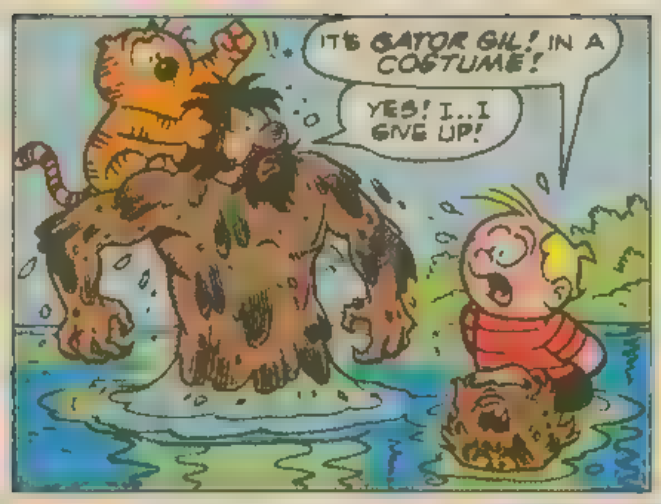

MEANWHILE...
SNORT!
MMMFT!

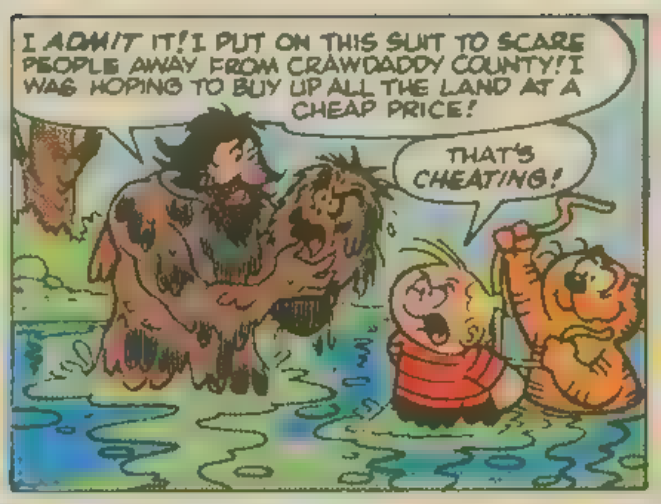


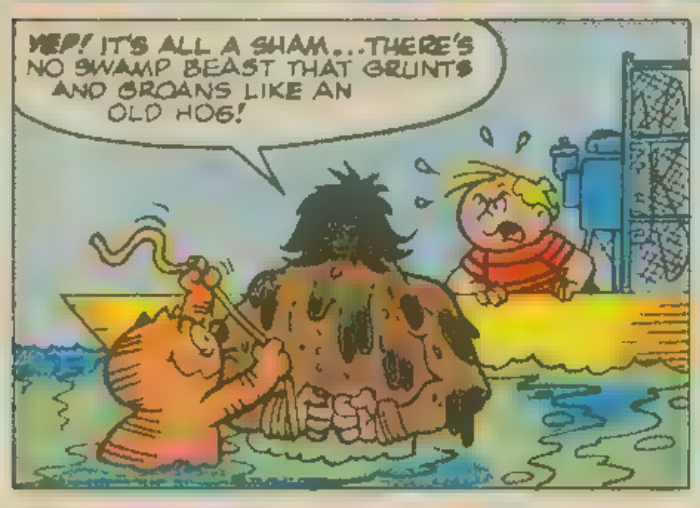
GOTTA STAY CALM!
MAYBE I CAN SNEAK AWAY WHILE THE BEAST ISN'T LOOKING!
BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO LOSE THIS GAG!
RIP!

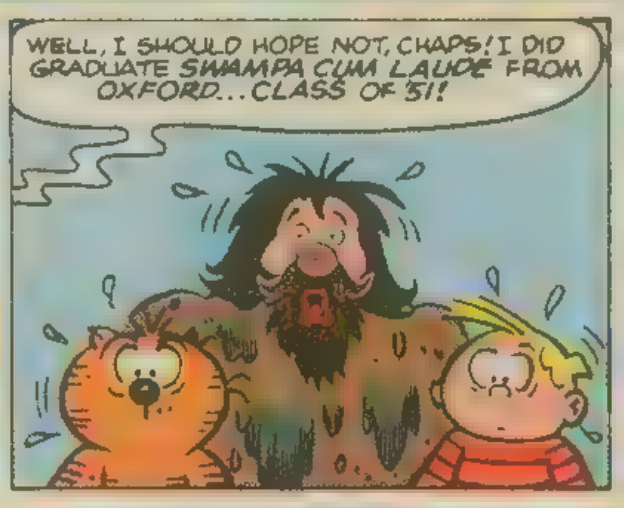

NOW...I'LL WADE TO SHORE!
OOOPS! I HOPE HE DIDN'T HEAR THAT!
SPLOOSH!

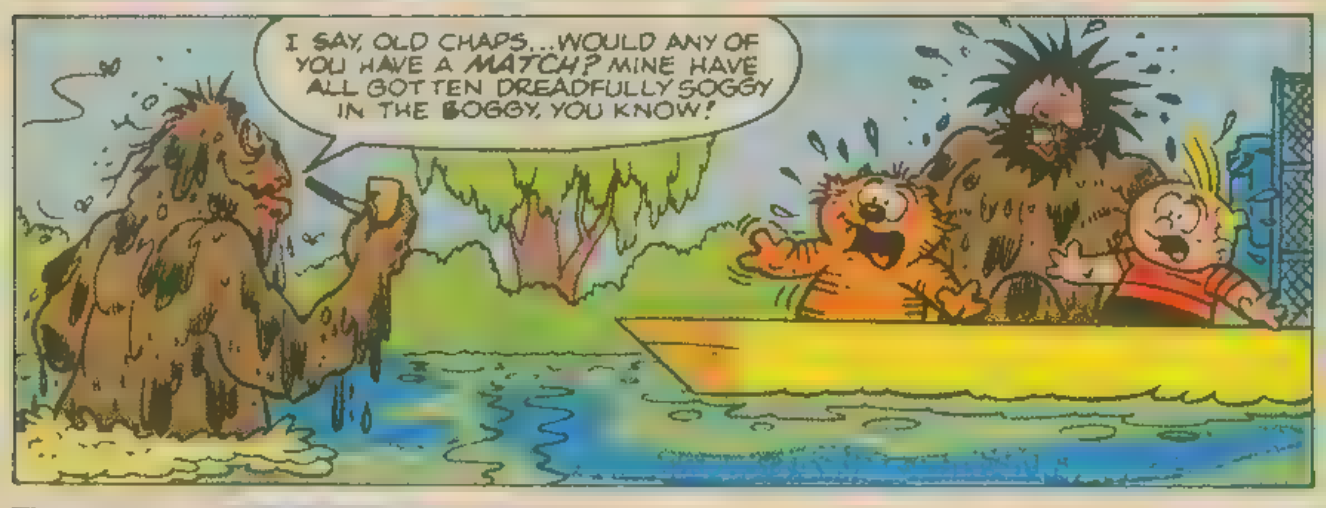
QUACK! QUACK!
GRRAGG!
I THINK HE DID! GANGWAY!
BLUB! BLUB! BLUB!
HELP!
WA-KO!
HEATHCLIFF!
ATTABOY!! KNOCK HIS BLOCK OFF!
POW!
BIFF!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE ME SO LITERALLY!
HEY! THIS ISN'T A BLOCK.. IT'S A HEAD!

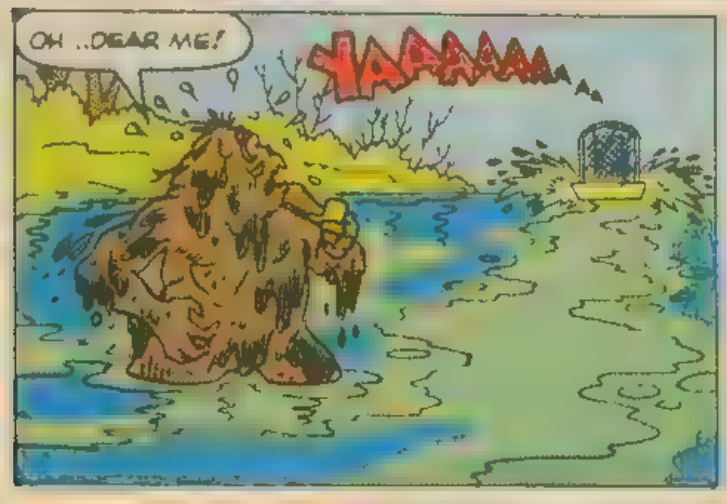

IT'S GATOR GIL! IN A COSTUME!
YES! I..I GIVE UP!

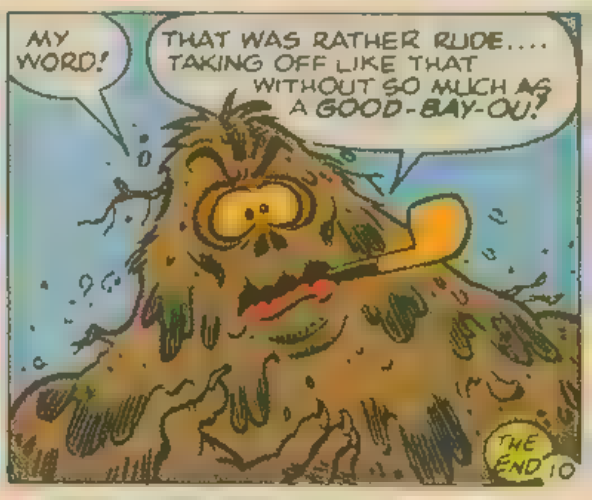

I ADMIT IT! I PUT ON THIS SUIT TO SCARE PEOPLE AWAY FROM CRAWDADDY COUNTY! I WAS HOPING TO BUY UP ALL THE LAND AT A CHEAP PRICE!
THAT'S CHEATING!


YEP! IT'S ALL A SHAM...THERE'S NO SWAMP BEAST THAT GRUNTS AND GROANS LIKE AN OLD HOG!

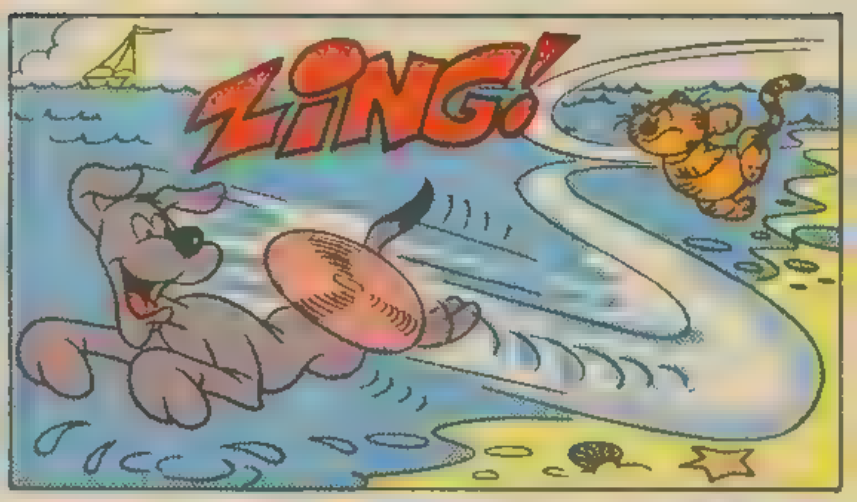

WELL, I SHOULD HOPE NOT, CHAPS! I DID GRADUATE SWAMPA CUM LAUDE FROM OXFORD...CLASS OF '51!


I SAY, OLD CHAPS...WOULD ANY OF YOU HAVE A MATCH? MINE HAVE ALL GOTTEN DREADFULLY SOGGY IN THE BOGGY, YOU KNOW!


OH ..DEAR ME!
AAAAAAA


MY WORD!
THAT WAS RATHER RUDE.... TAKING OFF LIKE THAT WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A GOOD-BAY-OU!
THE END

HEATHCLIFF
BEACH PARTY MASSACRE
NO PROBLEM, HEATHCLIFF! THIS BEACH ALLOWS PETS!
PETS ALLOWED
ESPOSITO / WILDMAN / ROETTCHER
GEE! THAT VOLLEYBALL GAME SURE LOOKS LIKE FUN!
BLAM!
BOING!
HEY! LOOK OUT FOR MY...
.. SANDCASTLE!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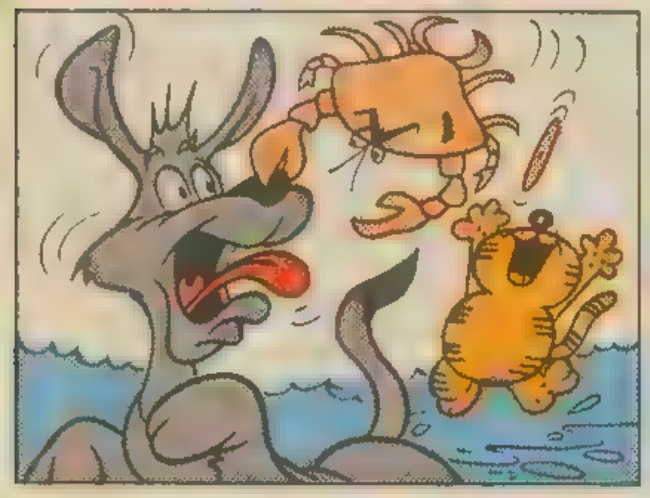
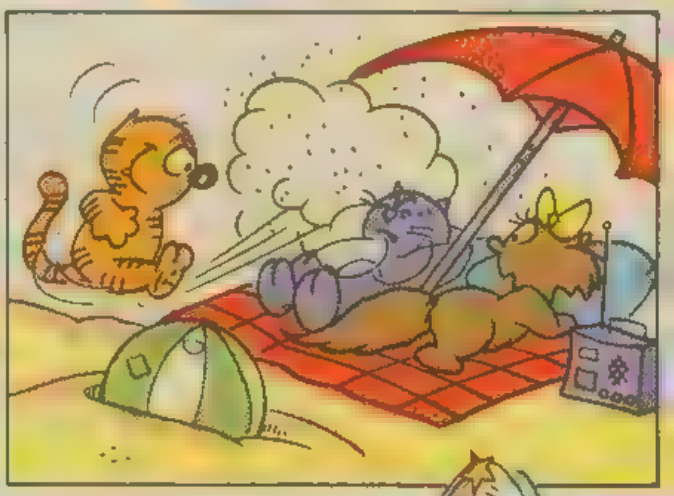
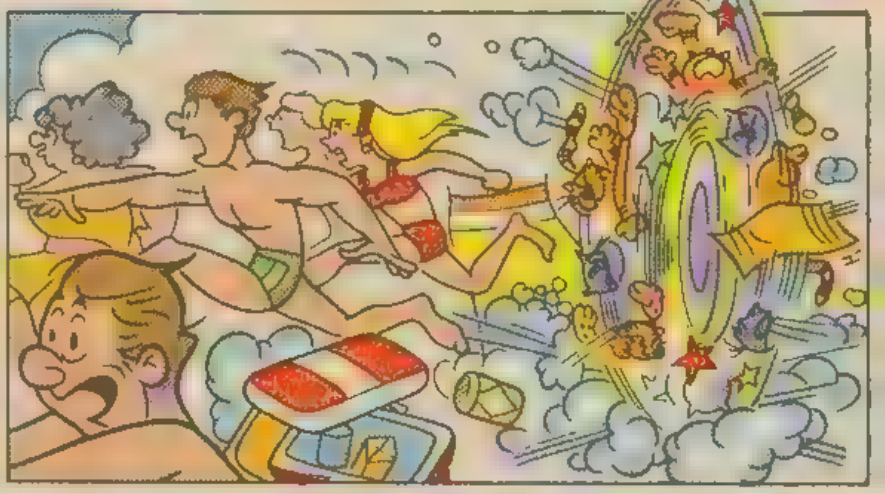
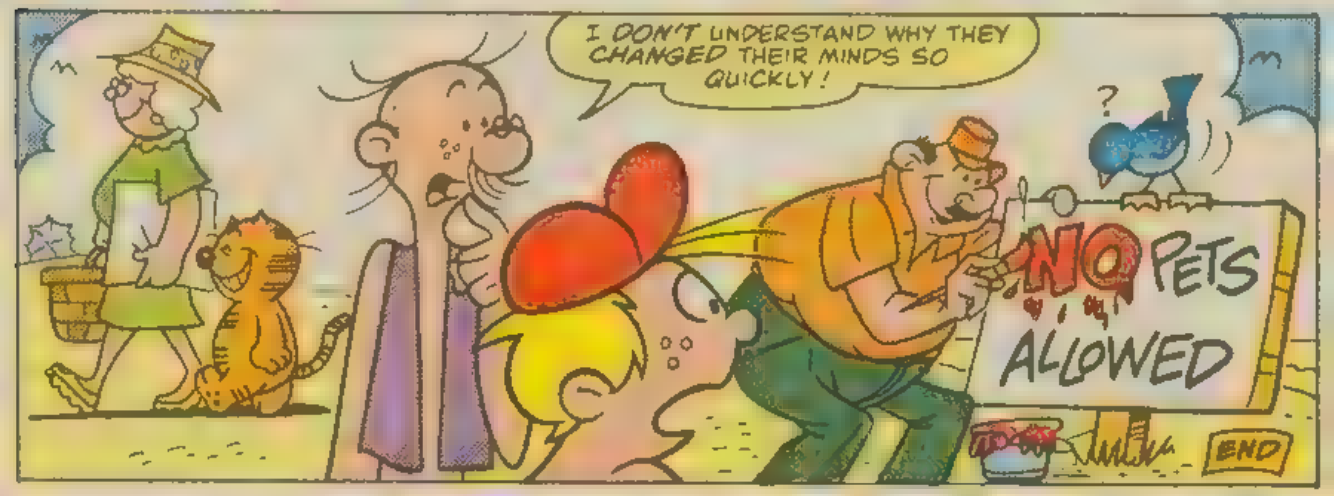







I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS SO QUICKLY!
?
NO PETS ALLOWED
END

HEATHCLIFF

IN "CAT AND THE Beanstalk"

STOP, HEATHCLIFF! DON'T YOU DARE THROW THAT PACKAGE IN THE GARBAGE!

WHAT'S GOING ON, IGGY?

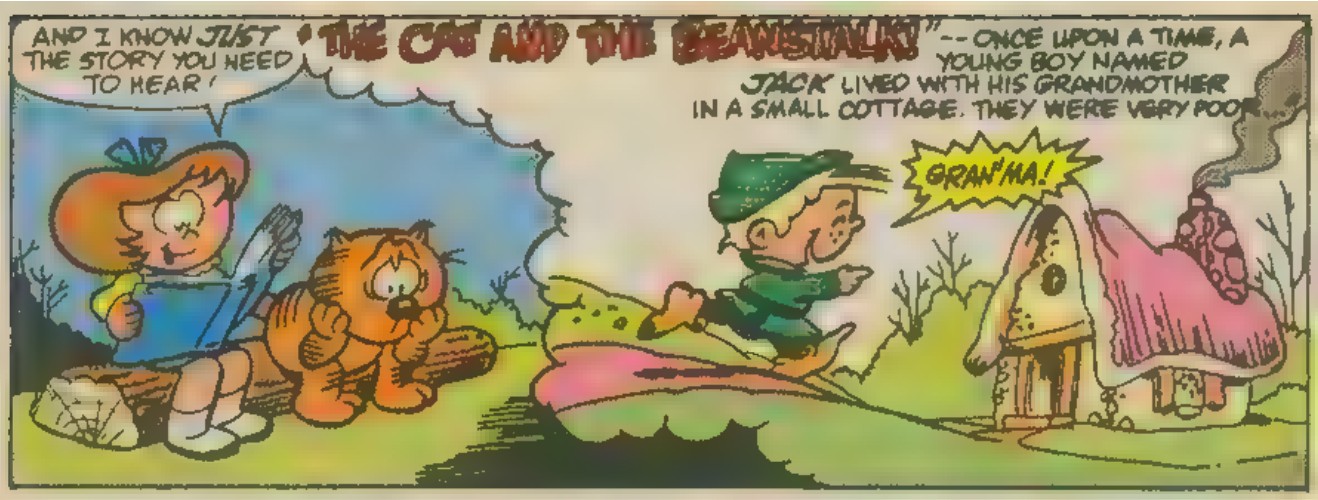
GALLAGHER / POST / LEON

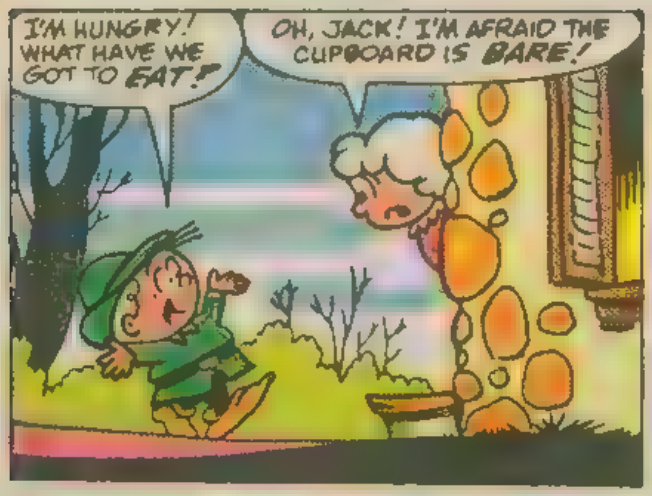
HEATHCLIFF RECEIVED THIS GIFT FROM CRAZY SHIRLEY! BUT HE DOESN'T LIKE HER, MARCY, SO HE'S TRASHING IT!!

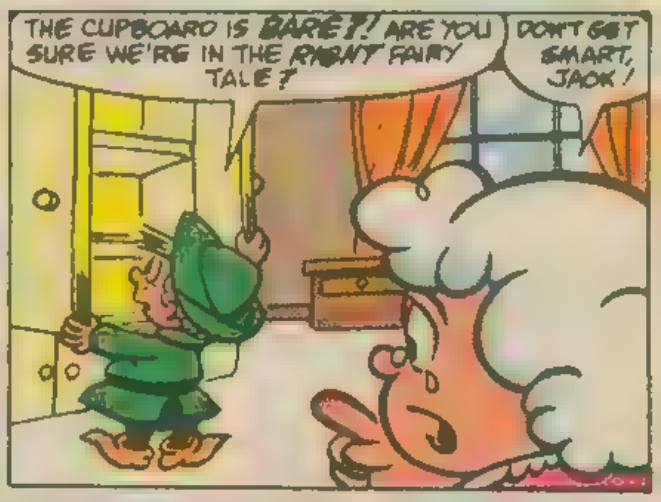
TSK TSK!

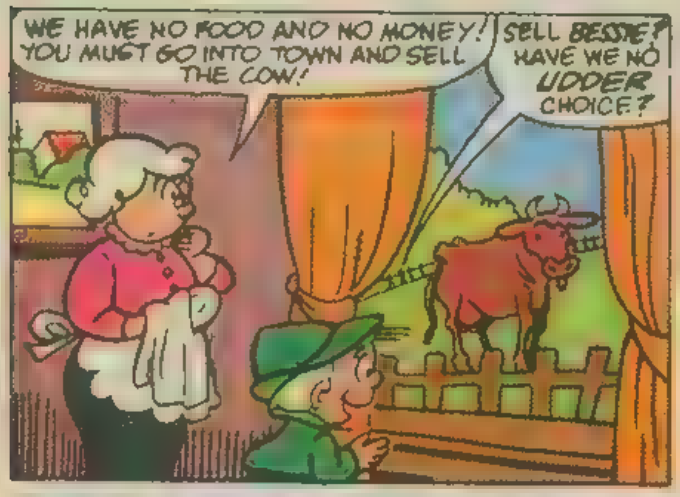
YOU MIGHT BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED! LUCKY I CARRY MY BOOK OF FURRY-TAILED FAIRY TALES FOR TIMES LIKE THIS!

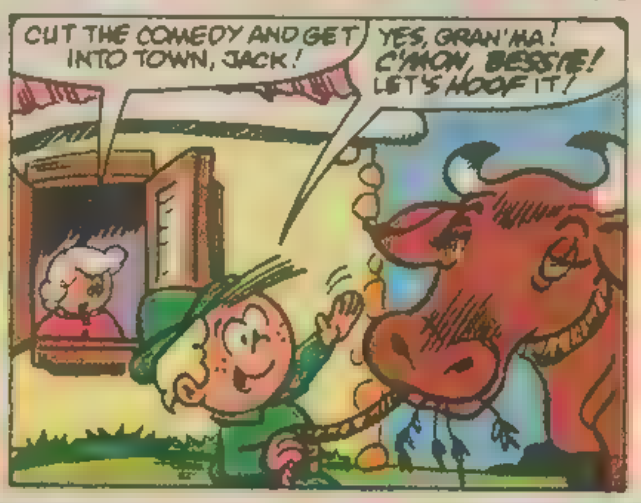
SCRUNCH...

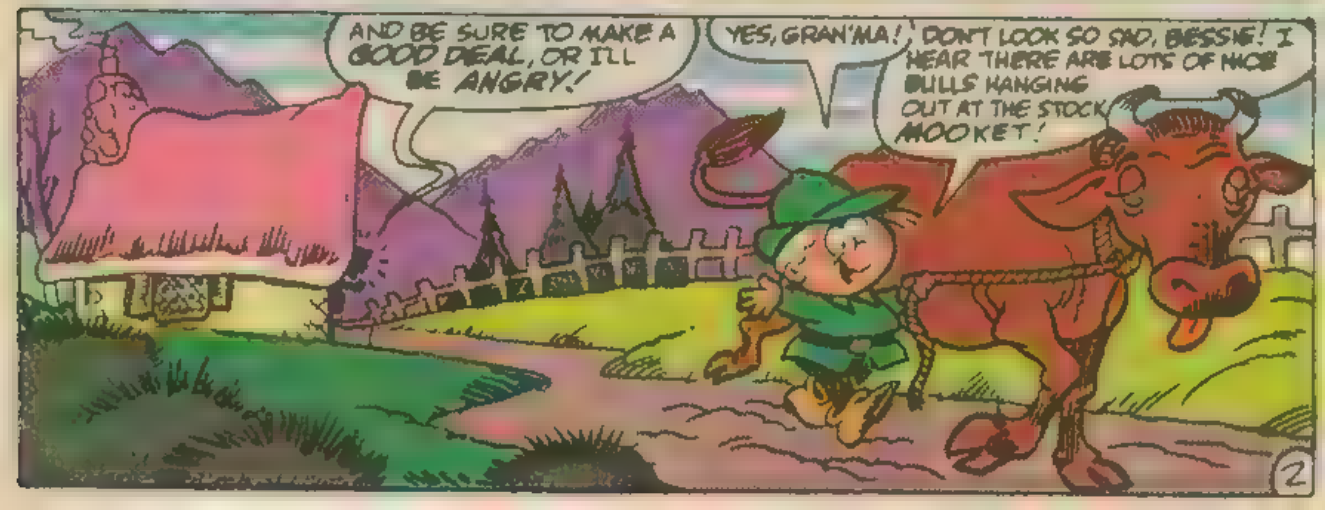

AND I KNOW JUST THE STORY YOU NEED TO HEAR!
"THE CAT AND THE BEANSTALK!"
--ONCE UPON A TIME, A YOUNG BOY NAMED JACK LIVED WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER IN A SMALL COTTAGE. THEY WERE VERY POOR...
GRAN'MA!


I'M HUNGRY! WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO EAT?
OH, JACK! I'M AFRAID THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!


THE CUPBOARD IS BARE?! ARE YOU SURE WE'RE IN THE RIGHT FAIRY TALE?
DON'T GET SMART, JACK!


WE HAVE NO FOOD AND NO MONEY! YOU MUST GO INTO TOWN AND SELL THE COW!
SELL BESSIE? HAVE WE NO UDDER CHOICE?


CUT THE COMEDY AND GET INTO TOWN, JACK!
YES, GRAN'MA! C'MON, BESSIE! LET'S MOOVE IT!


AND BE SURE TO MAKE A GOOD DEAL, OR I'LL BE ANGRY!
YES, GRAN'MA!
DON'T LOOK SO SAD, BESSIE! I HEAR THERE ARE LOTS OF NICE BULLS HANGING OUT AT THE STOCK MOOKET!

JACK HADN'T GONE VERY FAR WHEN HE CAME UPON A *STRANGE MAN...*"

HELLO, YOUNG FELLER! WHERE MIGHT YOU BE GOING WITH THAT *FINE COW?*

I'M TAKING HER INTO TOWN TO SELL HER, STRANGE MAN! YOU MIGHT SAY I WAS *BEEFING* UP THE ECONOMY!

IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I NEED SUCH A BEAST! *I* SHALL BUY HER FROM YOU!

WHAT IS YOUR OFFER?!

I SHALL GIVE YOU THIS HANDFUL OF *BEANS!*

HA HA HA!

OH, STRANGER, I THOUGHT *I* WAS TELLING THE JOKES AROUND HERE!

HA!

DO NOT JUDGE SO QUICKLY! THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY *SEEM!*

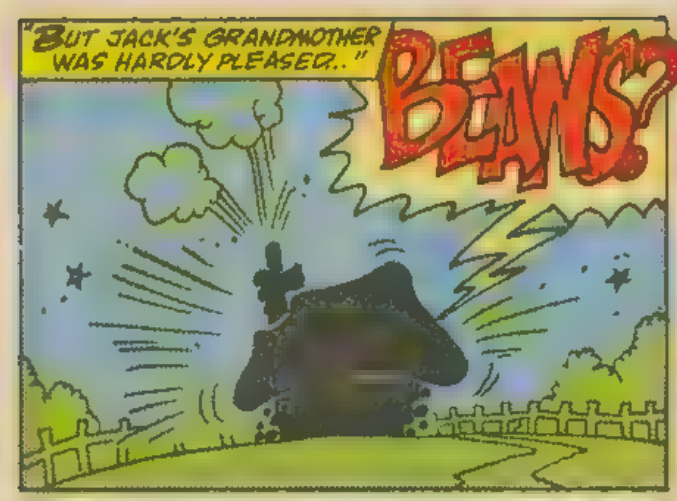
THESE ARE *MAGIC BEANS* THAT WILL MAKE YOU *RICH* BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!

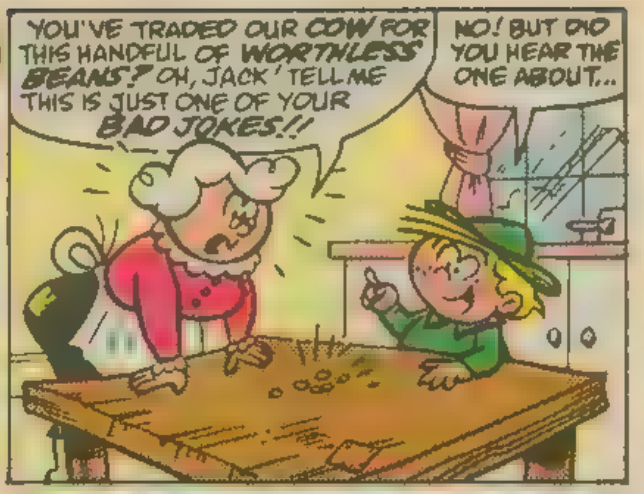
MAGIC BEANS?!

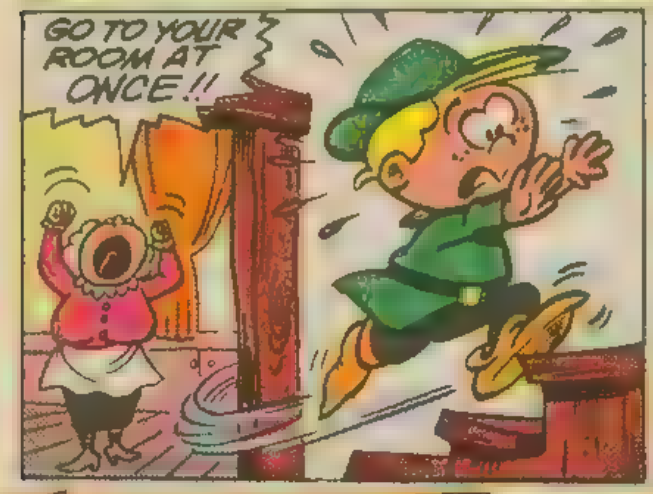
WOW! YOU GOT YOURSELF A *DEAL!*

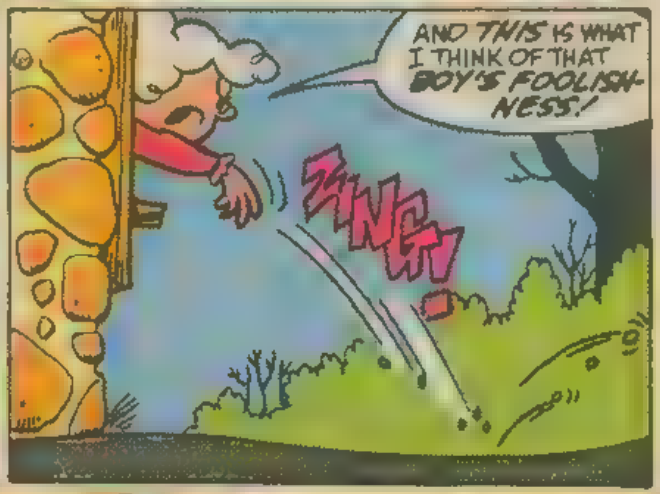
OH, BOY!!

WON'T GRANDMOTHER BE PLEASED WHEN SHE SEES WHAT A GREAT [illegible]!!


"BUT JACK'S GRANDMOTHER WAS HARDLY PLEASED..."
BEANS?

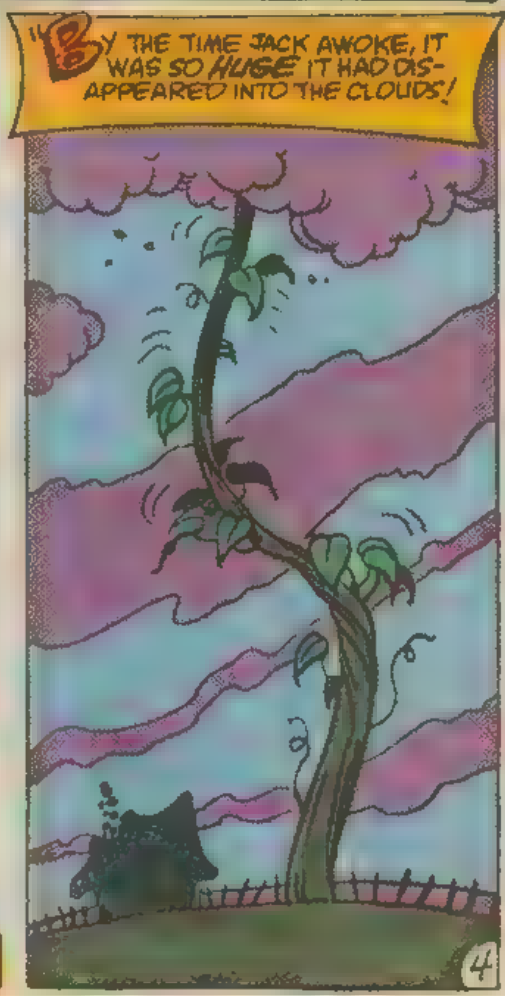

YOU'VE TRADED OUR COW FOR THIS HANDFUL OF WORTHLESS BEANS? OH, JACK! TELL ME THIS IS JUST ONE OF YOUR BAD JOKES!!
NO! BUT DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT...

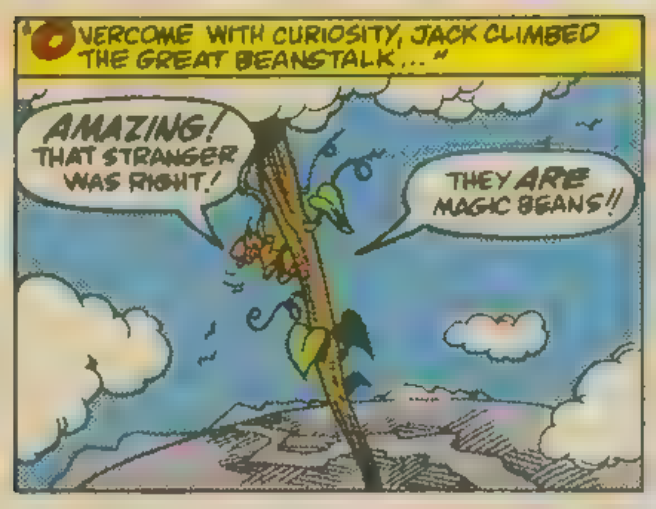

GO TO YOUR ROOM AT ONCE!!

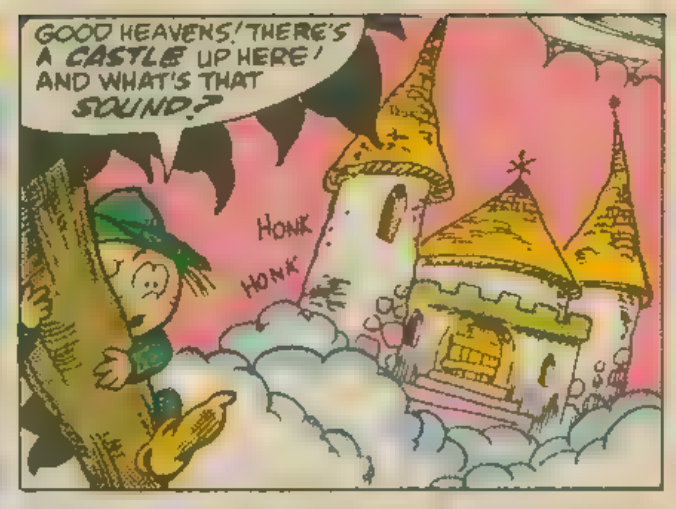

AND THIS IS WHAT I THINK OF THAT BOY'S FOOLISHNESS!
ZING!

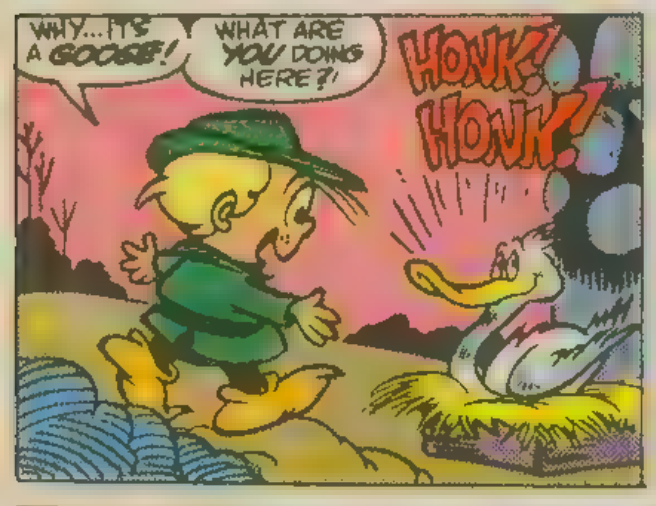
"AND SO, JACK AND HIS GRANDMOTHER WENT TO BED HUNGRY! BUT IN THE YARD SOMETHING STRANGE WAS HAPPENING...

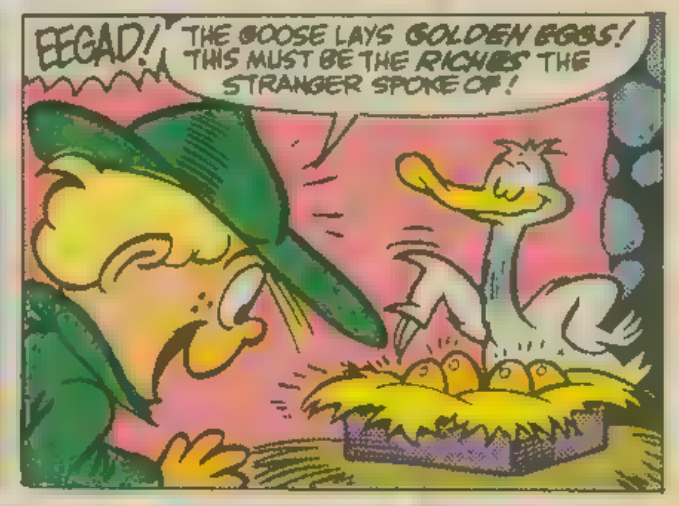
"THE MAGIC BEANS SPROUTED INTO A BEANSTALK THAT GREW AT INCREDIBLE SPEED...

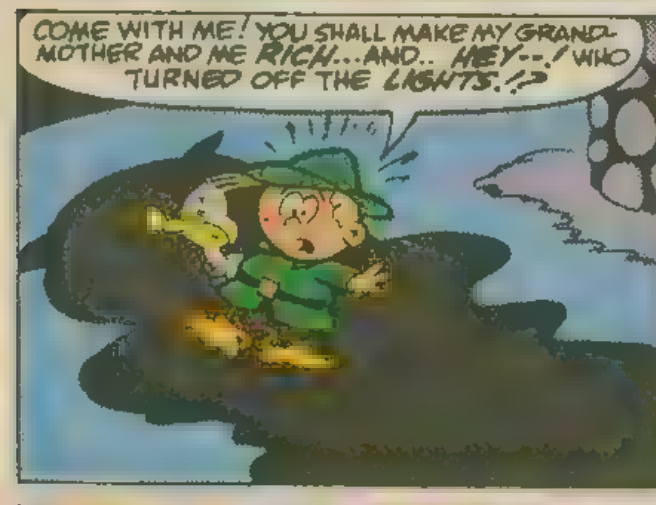

"BY THE TIME JACK AWOKE, IT WAS SO HUGE IT HAD DISAPPEARED INTO THE CLOUDS!

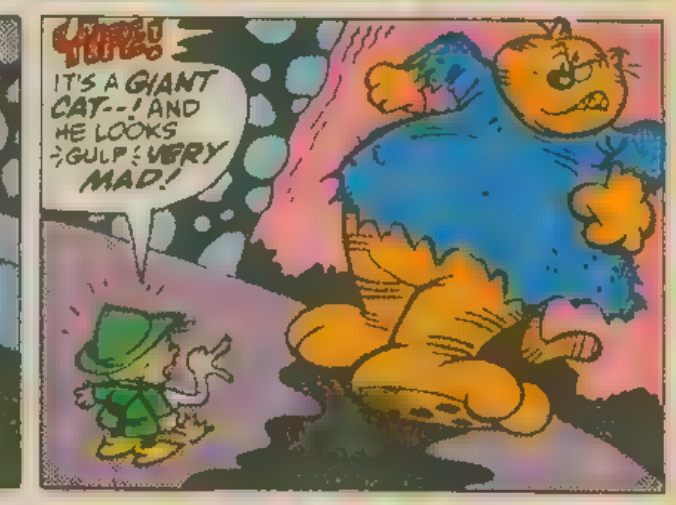

VERCOME WITH CURIOSITY, JACK CLIMBED THE GREAT BEANSTALK..."
AMAZING! THAT STRANGER WAS RIGHT!
THEY ARE MAGIC BEANS!!

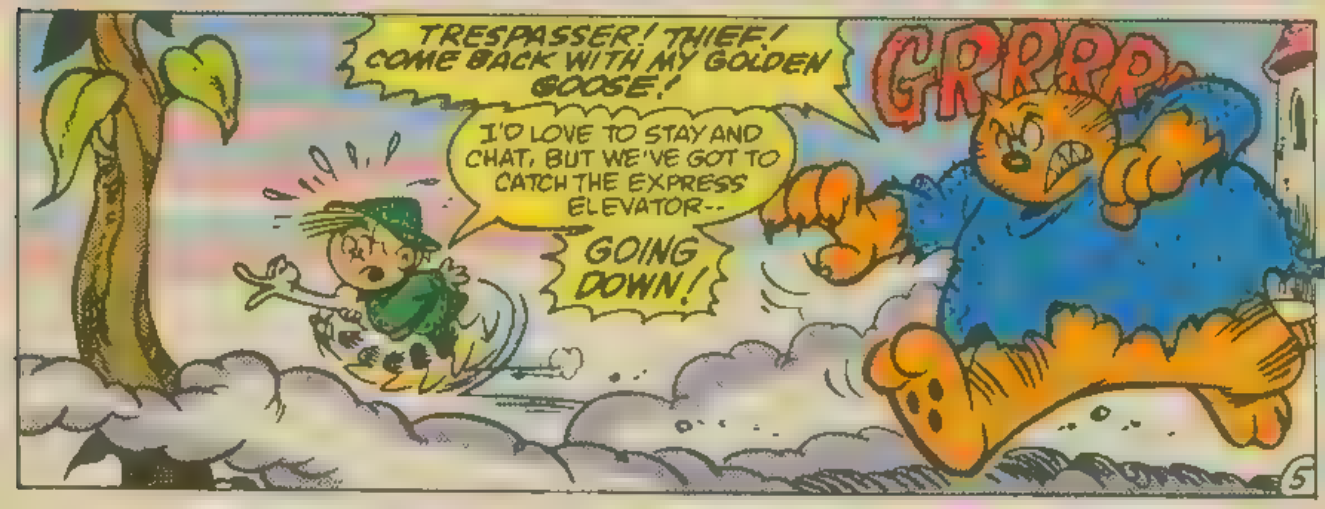

GOOD HEAVENS! THERE'S A CASTLE UP HERE! AND WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
HONK
HONK

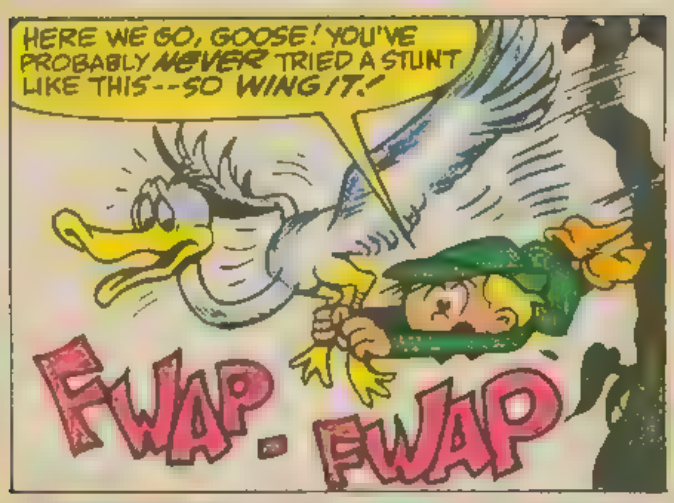

WHY...IT'S A GOOSE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
HONK! HONK!

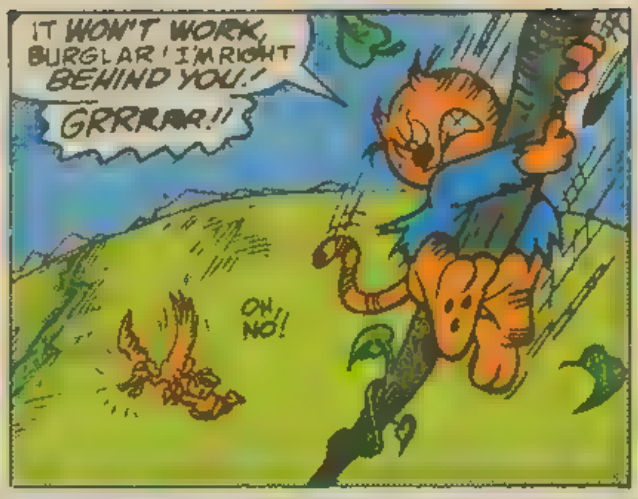

EEGAD!
THE GOOSE LAYS GOLDEN EGGS! THIS MUST BE THE RICHES THE STRANGER SPOKE OF!

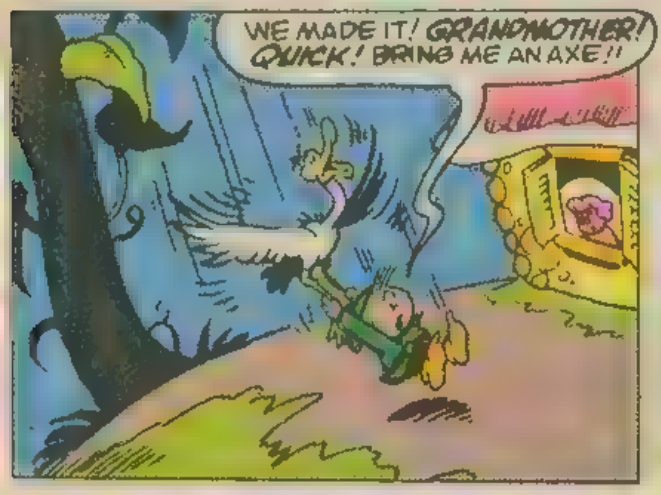

COME WITH ME! YOU SHALL MAKE MY GRANDMOTHER AND ME RICH...AND.. HEY--! WHO TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS!?

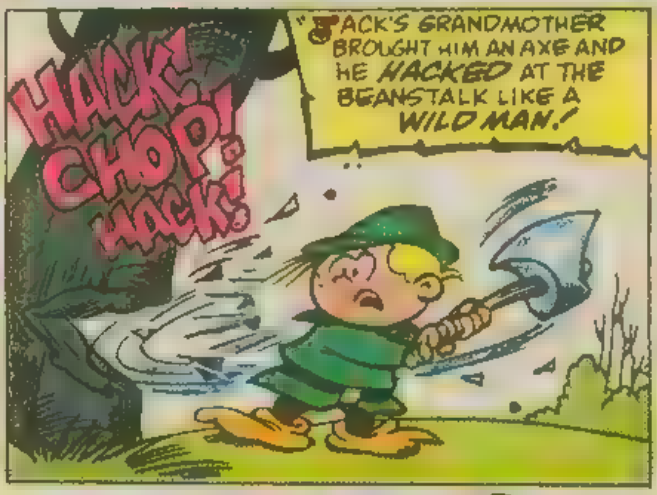

IT'S A GIANT CAT--! AND HE LOOKS GULP! VERY MAD!

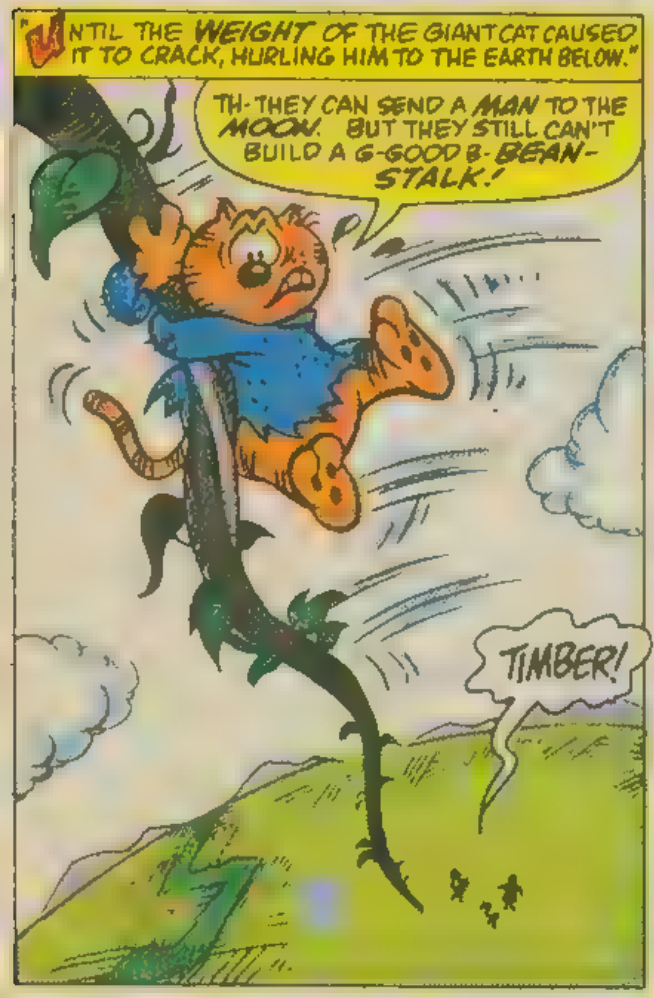

TRESPASSER! THIEF! COME BACK WITH MY GOLDEN GOOSE!
I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHAT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO CATCH THE EXPRESS ELEVATOR--
GOING DOWN!
GRRRR


HERE WE GO, GOOSE! YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER TRIED A STUNT LIKE THIS--SO WING IT!
FWAP-FWAP


IT WON'T WORK, BURGLAR! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
GRRRRR!!
OH NO!

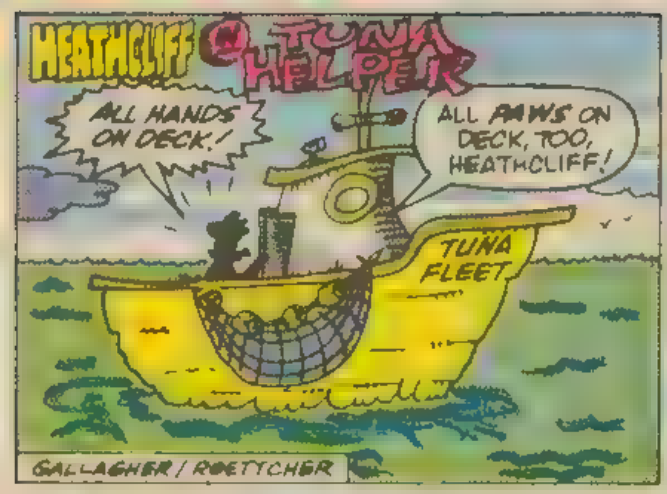

WE MADE IT! GRANDMOTHER! QUICK! BRING ME AN AXE!!

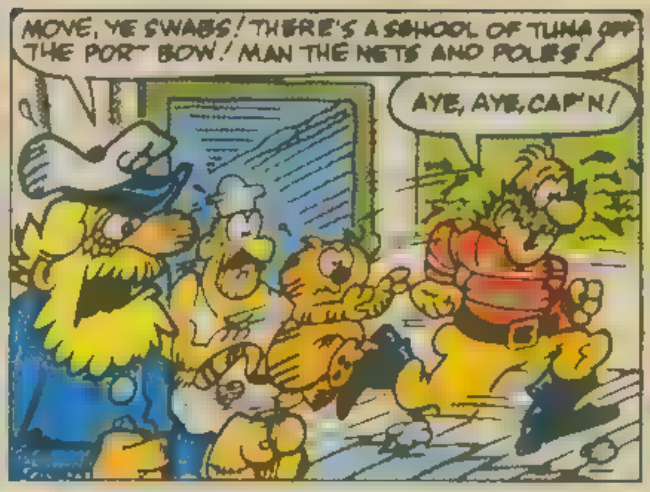

"JACK'S GRANDMOTHER BROUGHT HIM AN AXE AND HE HACKED AT THE BEANSTALK LIKE A WILD MAN!"
HACK! CHOP! HACK!

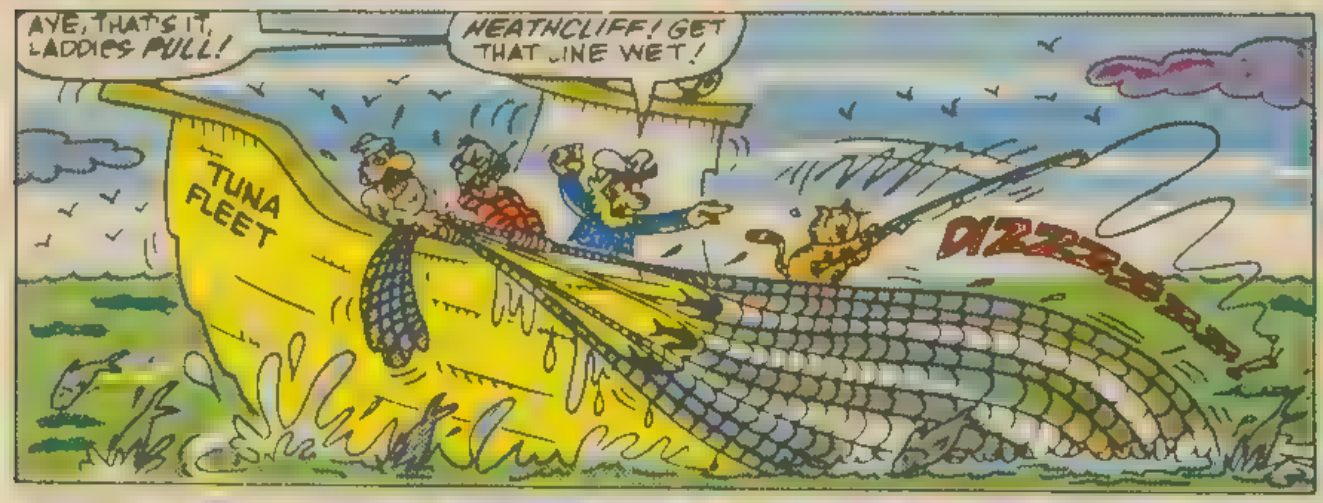

"UNTIL THE WEIGHT OF THE GIANT CAT CAUSED IT TO CRACK, HURLING HIM TO THE EARTH BELOW."
TH-THEY CAN SEND A MAN TO THE MOON. BUT THEY STILL CAN'T BUILD A G-GOOD B-BEANSTALK!
TIMBER!

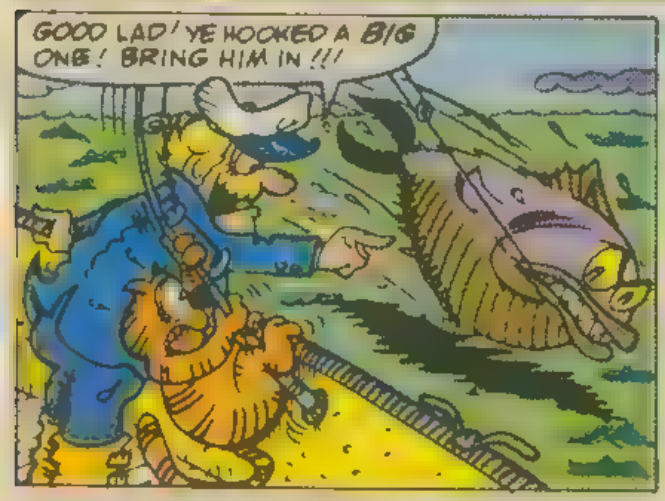
WHA-BOOM!

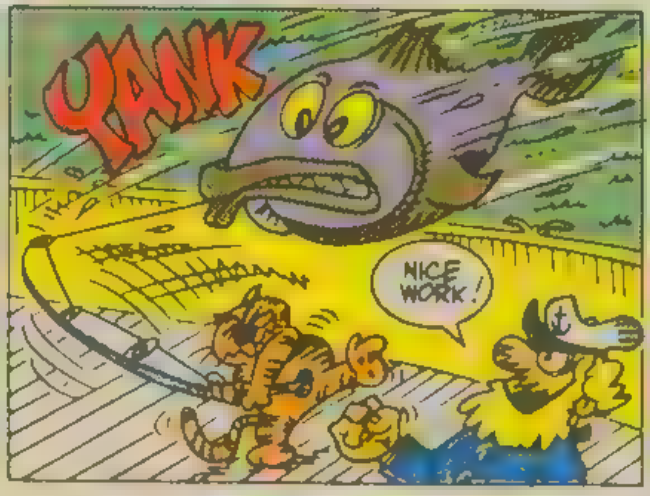
THE GIANT CAT'S IMPACT LEFT A NUGE CRATER. IT SOON FILLED WITH RAIN WATER AND BECAME A LAKE!
JACK AND HIS GRANDMOTHER OPENED IT TO THE PUBLIC, CHARGED ADMISSION AND MADE A FORTUNE... WHEN THEY WEREN'T BUSY COUNTING GOLDEN EGGS!
WELCOME TO LAKE BEANSTALK ADMISSION $5.00
"AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER-AFTER-- THE END!"
WOW!
SLAM!
--THAT STORY SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT YOU NOT TO MAKE SWAP JUDGMENTS, HEATHCLIFF! NOW ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO DO TO CRAZY SHIRLEY'S PACKAGE!?
HEATHCLIFF! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
THAT'S BETTER!
OPEN IT LIKE A NICE BOY!
KISS KISS KISS
OOPS! THAT'S CRAZY SHIRLEY IN THE BOX! NOT QUITE A GOLDEN GOOSE, MARCY!
DA-R-RN! I GUESS THAT STORY REALLY LAID AN EGG!
END

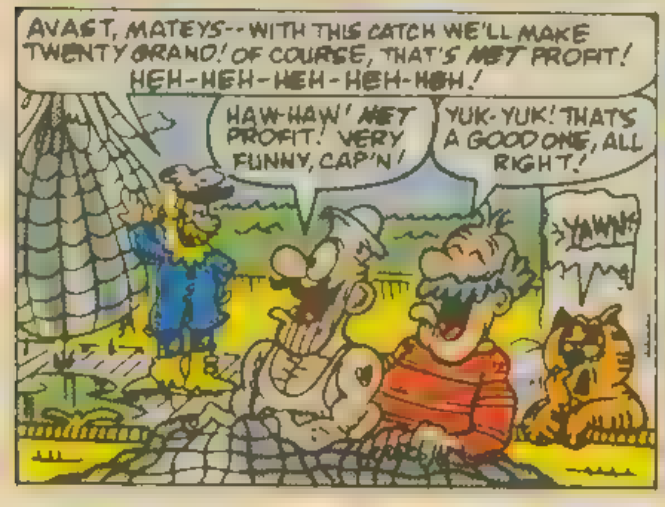

HEATHCLIFF & TUNA HELPER
ALL HANDS ON DECK!
ALL PAWS ON DECK, TOO, HEATHCLIFF!
TUNA FLEET
GALLAGHER / ROETTCHER

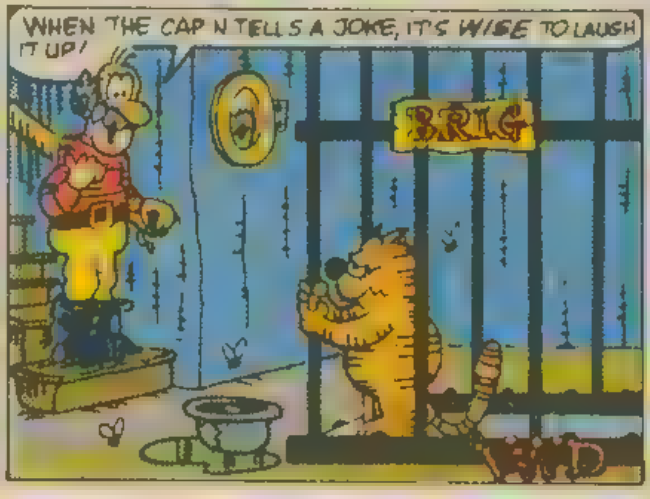

MOVE, YE SWABS! THERE'S A SCHOOL OF TUNA OFF THE PORT BOW! MAN THE NETS AND POLES!
AYE, AYE, CAP'N!


AYE, THAT'S IT, LADDIES PULL!
HEATHCLIFF! GET THAT LINE WET!
TUNA FLEET
DIZZZZZZZZZZ


GOOD LAD! YE HOOKED A BIG ONE! BRING HIM IN!!!


YANK
NICE WORK!


AVAST, MATEYS--WITH THIS CATCH WE'LL MAKE TWENTY GRAND! OF COURSE, THAT'S NET PROFIT! HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH!
HAW-HAW! NET PROFIT! VERY FUNNY, CAP'N!
YUK-YUK! THAT'S A GOOD ONE, ALL RIGHT!
YAWN


WHEN THE CAP'N TELLS A JOKE, IT'S WISE TO LAUGH IT UP!
BRIG
END

HEATHCLIFF

IN THAT OLD CAT MAGIC!

WHAT A SHOW, EH, BOYS AND GIRLS?!

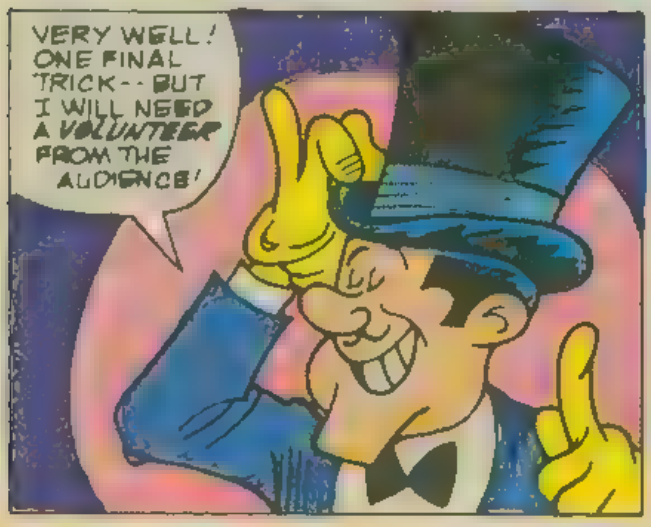
LET'S HAVE A BIG HAND FOR THAT MASTER MAGICIAN-- THE GREAT OBSCURO!

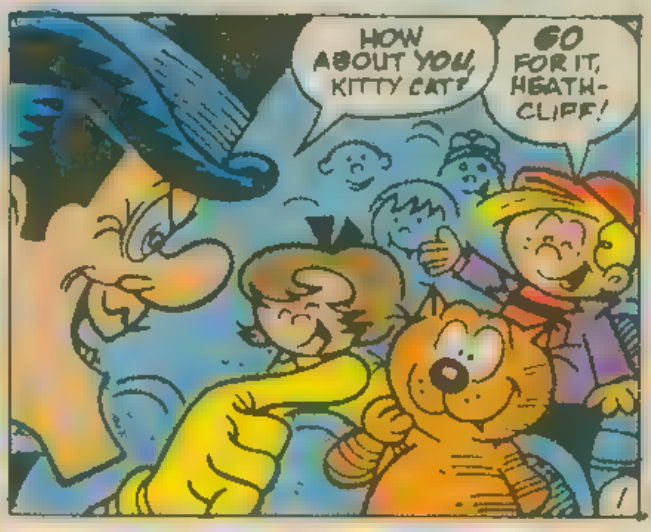
HOORAY!

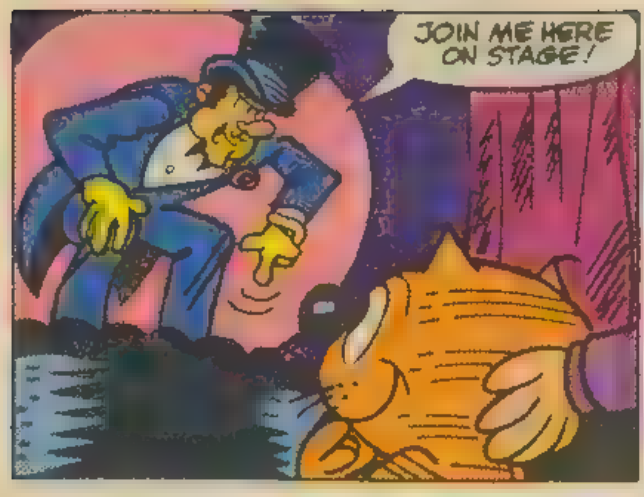
YAHOO!

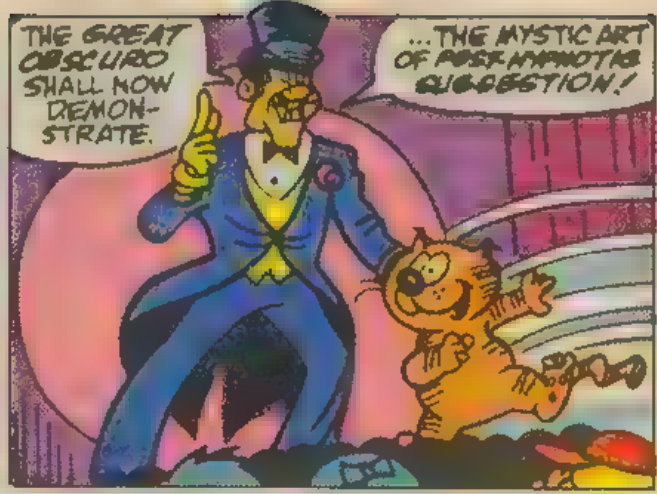
MORE!

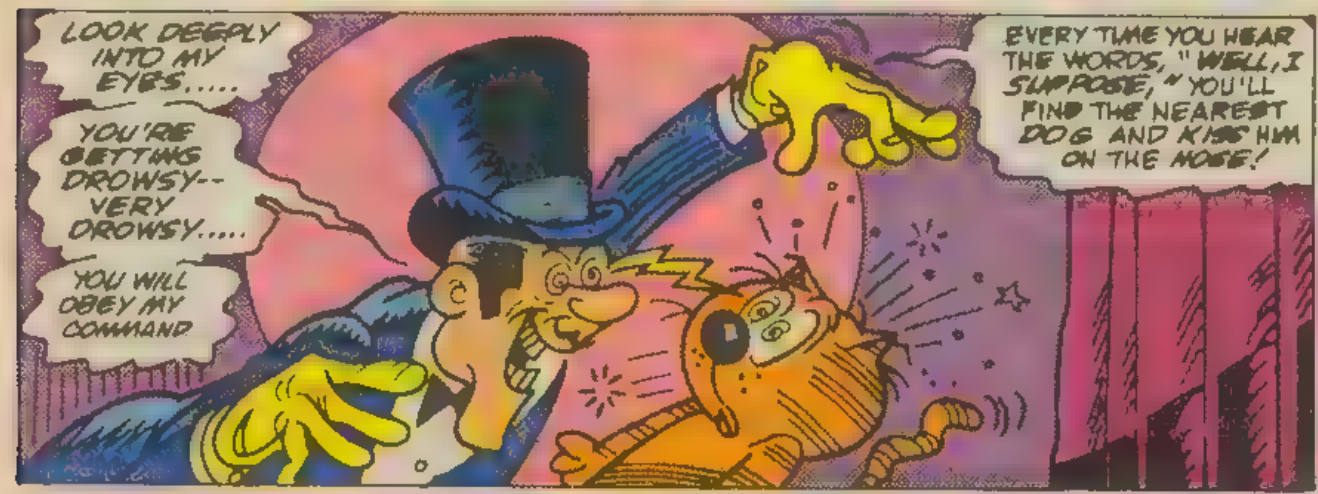
GALLAGHER / POST / EDELMAN



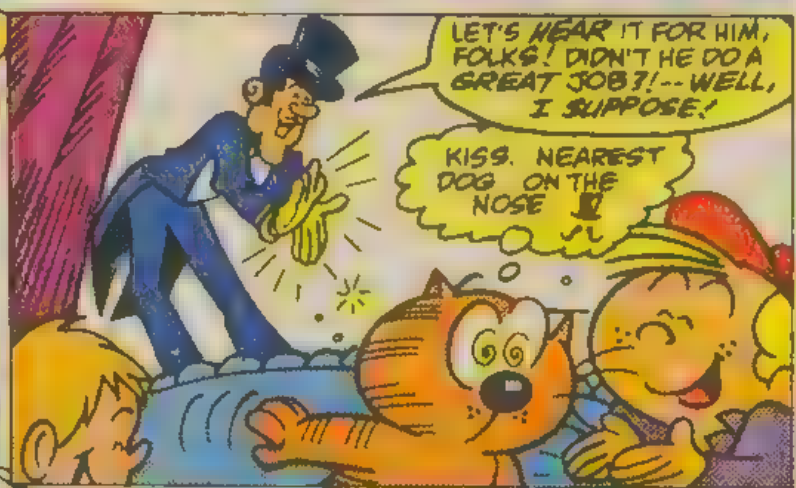



JOIN ME HERE ON STAGE!

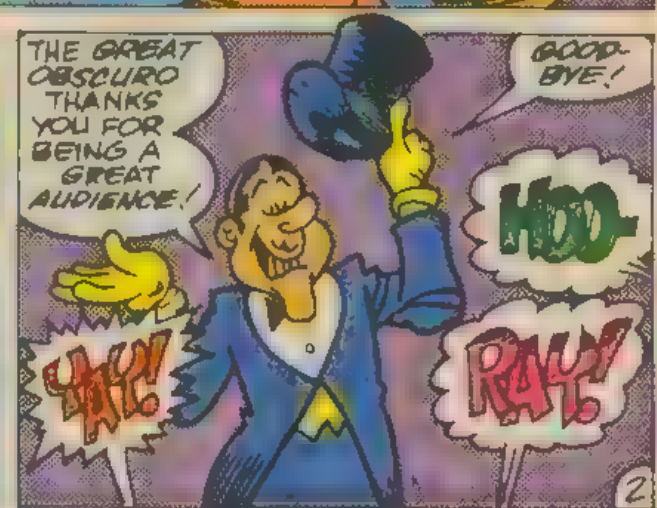

THE GREAT OBSCURO SHALL NOW DEMONSTRATE.
...THE MYSTIC ART OF POST-HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION!

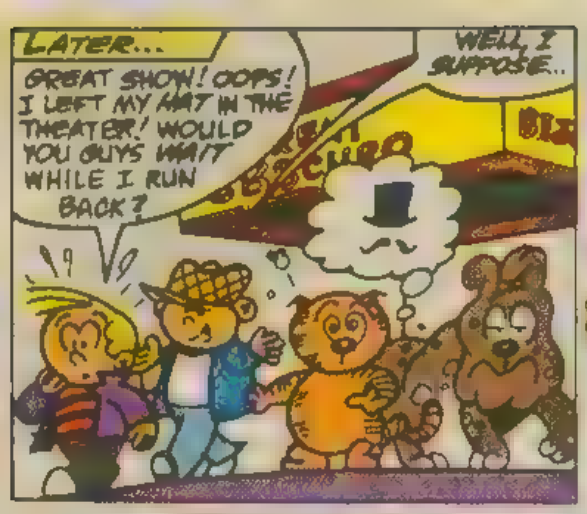

LOOK DEEPLY INTO MY EYES.....
YOU'RE GETTING DROWSY-- VERY DROWSY.....
YOU WILL OBEY MY COMMAND
EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THE WORDS, "WELL, I SUPPOSE," YOU'LL FIND THE NEAREST DOG AND KISS HIM ON THE NOSE!

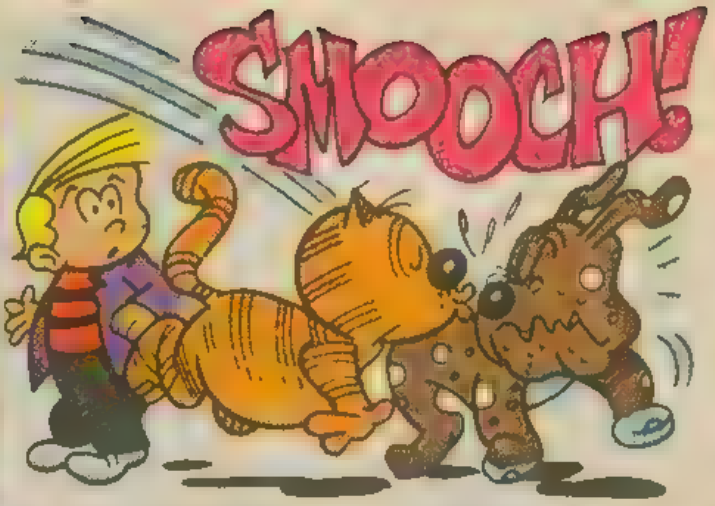
WHEN I SNAP MY FINGERS, YOU WILL AWAKE AND REMEMBER NOTHING!
SNAP!

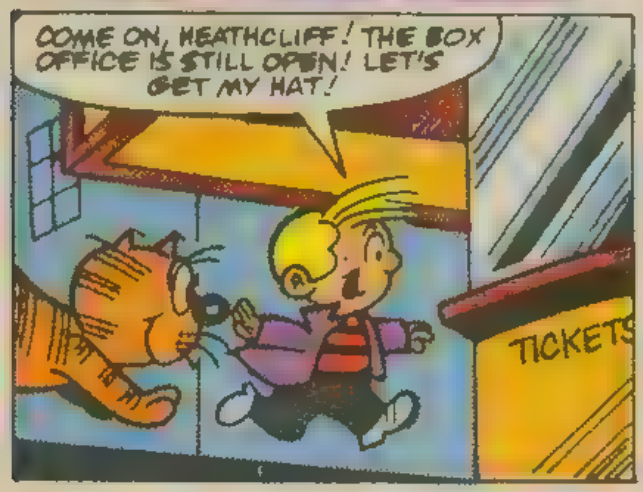

LET'S HEAR IT FOR HIM, FOLKS! DIDN'T HE DO A GREAT JOB?!--WELL, I SUPPOSE!
KISS. NEAREST DOG ON THE NOSE

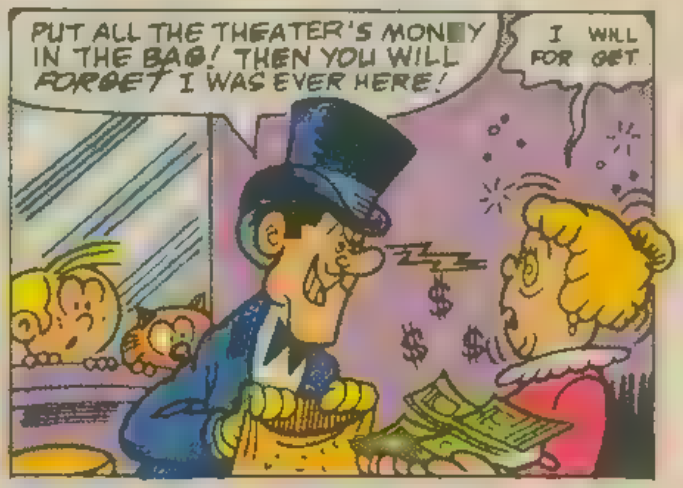
SMOOCH!

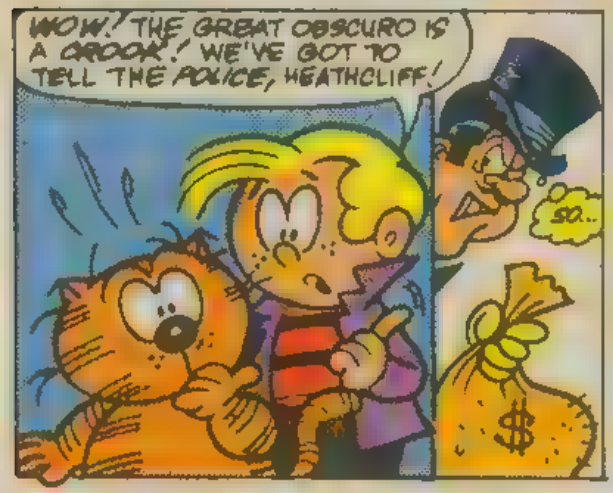

THE GREAT OBSCURO THANKS YOU FOR BEING A GREAT AUDIENCE!
GOOD-BYE!
HOO-
RAY!
YAY!

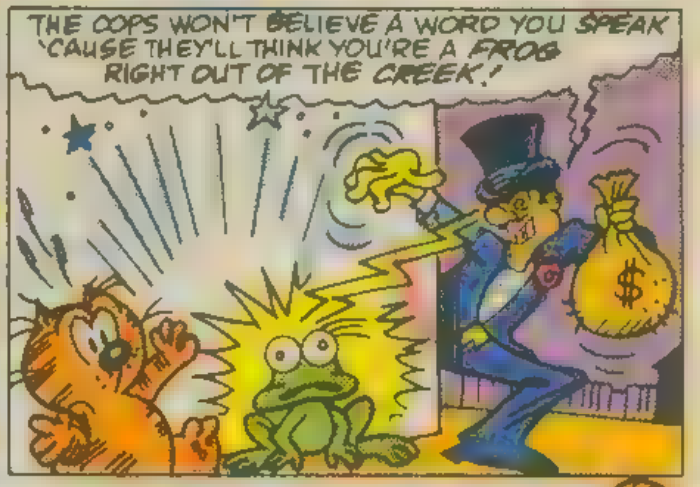

LATER...
GREAT SHOW! OOPS! I LEFT MY HAT IN THE THEATER! WOULD YOU GUYS WAIT WHILE I RUN BACK?
WELL, I SUPPOSE...

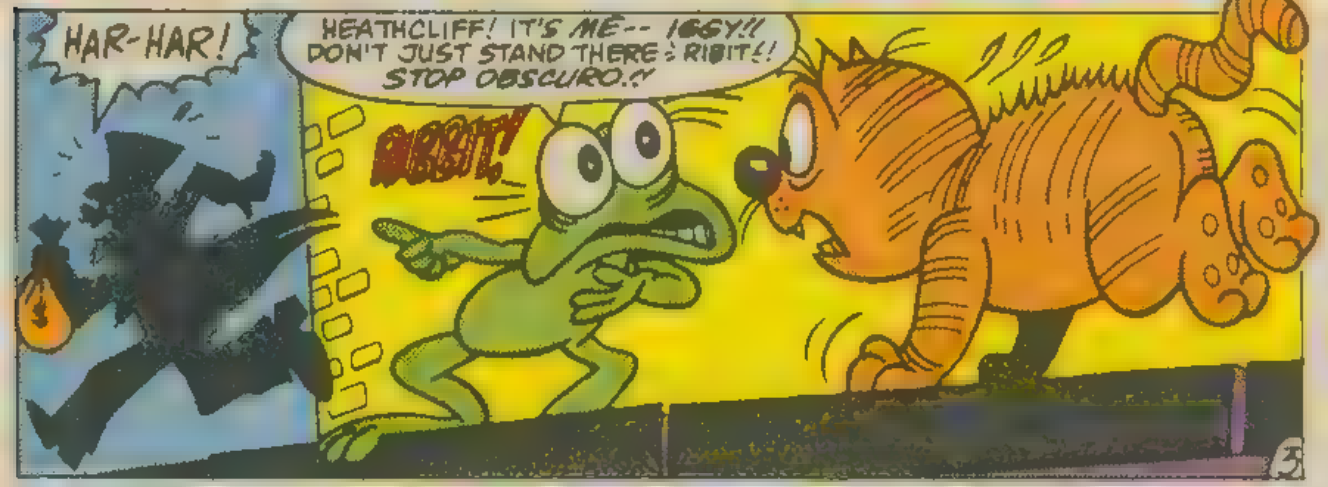

SMOOCH!

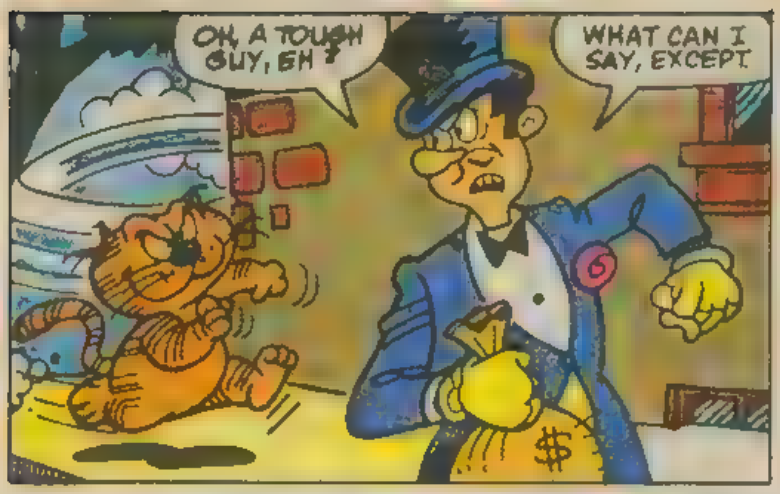

COME ON, HEATHCLIFF! THE BOX OFFICE IS STILL OPEN! LET'S GET MY HAT!
TICKETS


PUT ALL THE THEATER'S MONEY IN THE BAG! THEN YOU WILL FORGET I WAS EVER HERE!
I WILL FOR GET


WOW! THE GREAT OBSCURO IS A CROOK! WE'VE GOT TO TELL THE POLICE, HEATHCLIFF!
SO...


THE COPS WON'T BELIEVE A WORD YOU SPEAK 'CAUSE THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE A FROG RIGHT OUT OF THE CREEK!


HAR-HAR!
HEATHCLIFF! IT'S ME-- IGGY!! DON'T JUST STAND THERE - RIBIT!! STOP OBSCURO!!
RIBBIT!


OH, A TOUGH GUY, EH?
WHAT CAN I SAY, EXCEPT
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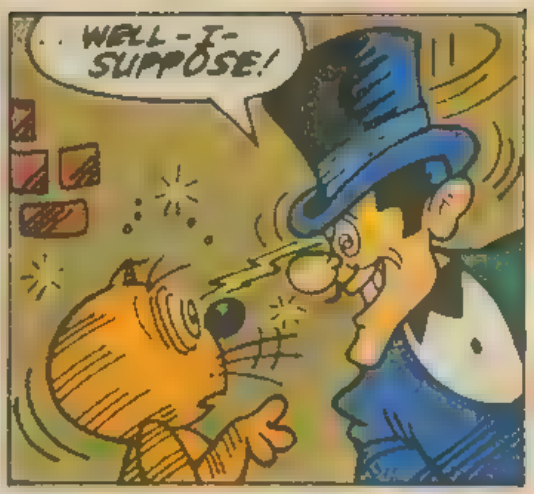
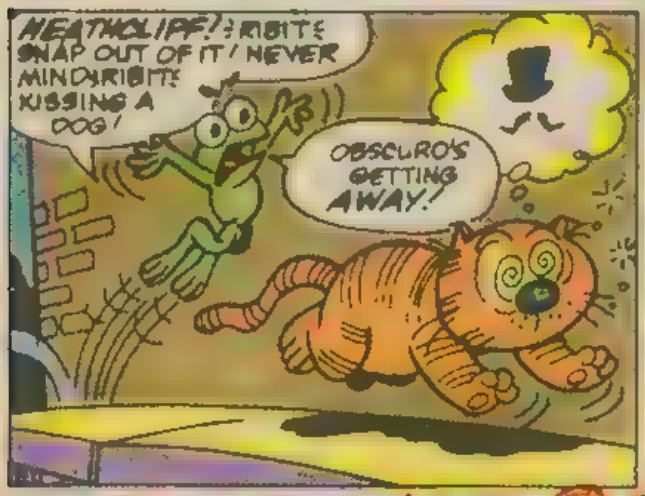
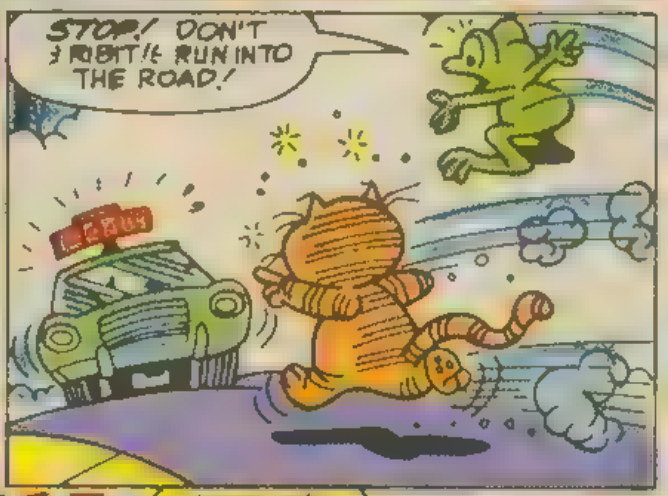
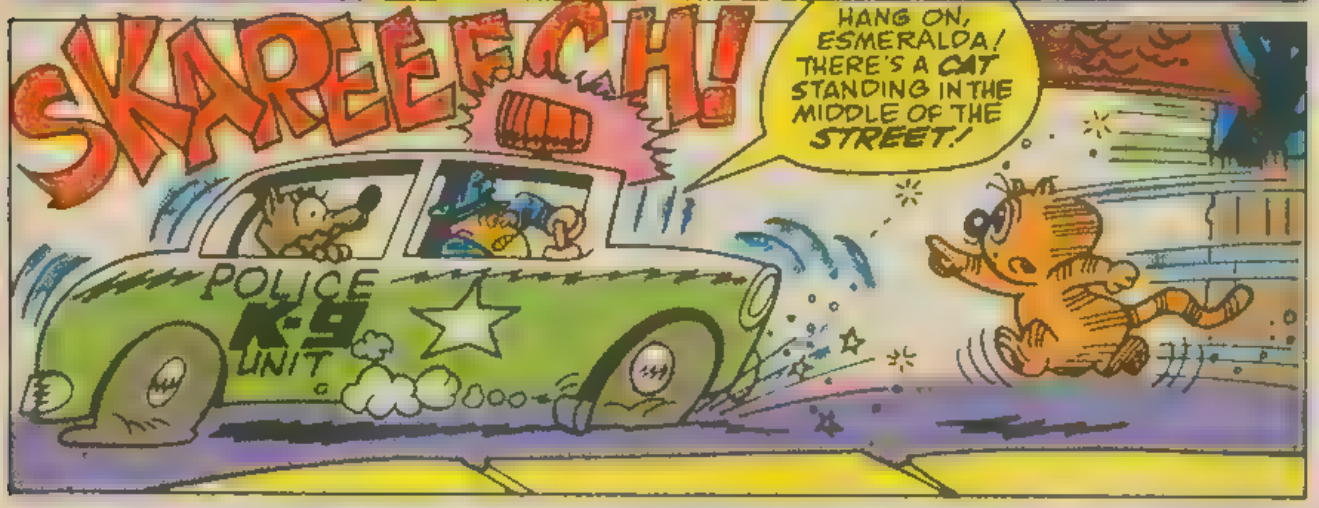
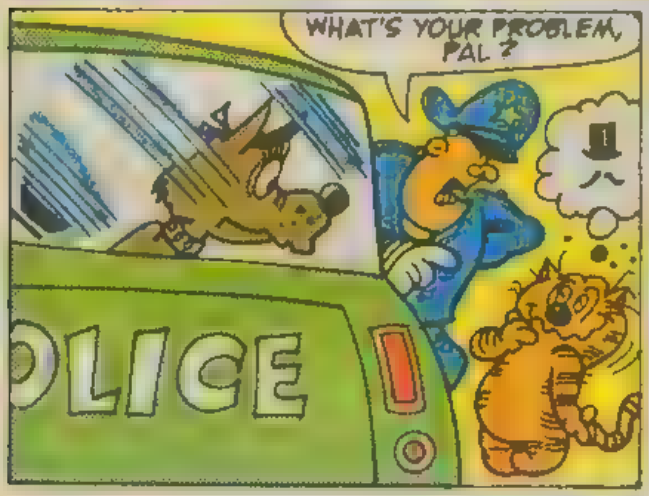
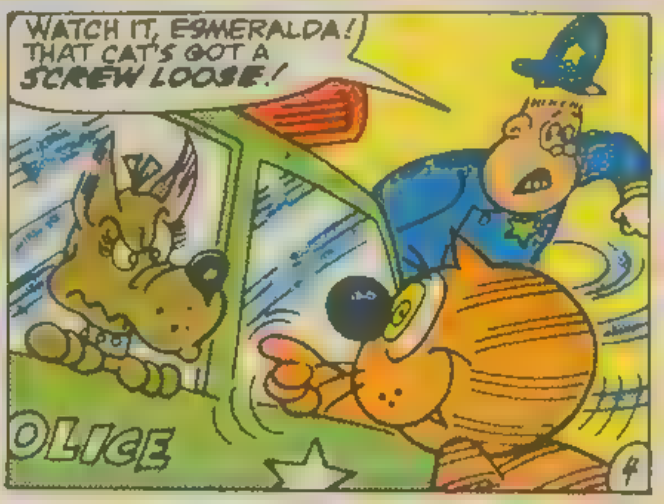

WELL - I - SUPPOSE!

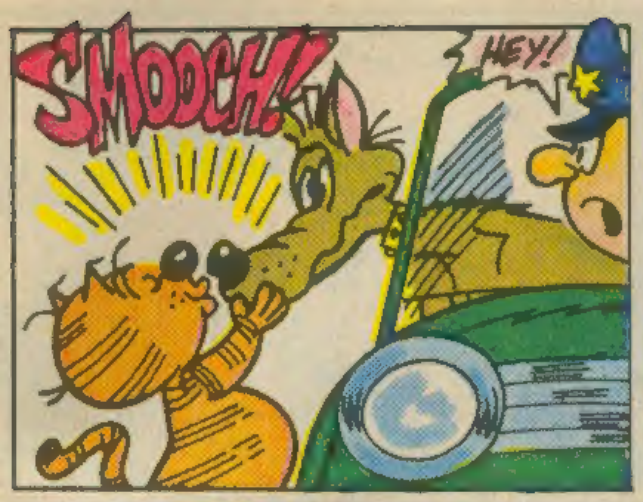

HEATHCLIFF! RIBIT! SNAP OUT OF IT! NEVER MIND RIBIT! KISSING A DOG!
OBSCURO'S GETTING AWAY!

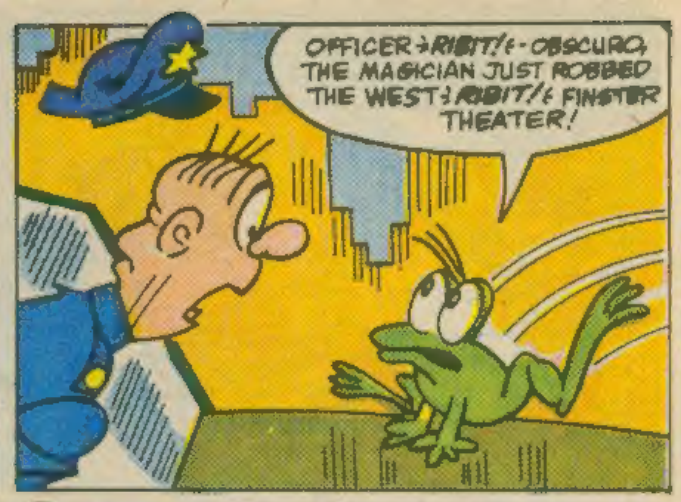

STOP! DON'T RIBIT! RUN INTO THE ROAD!


SKAREEECH!
HANG ON, ESMERALDA! THERE'S A CAT STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET!
POLICE K-9 UNIT

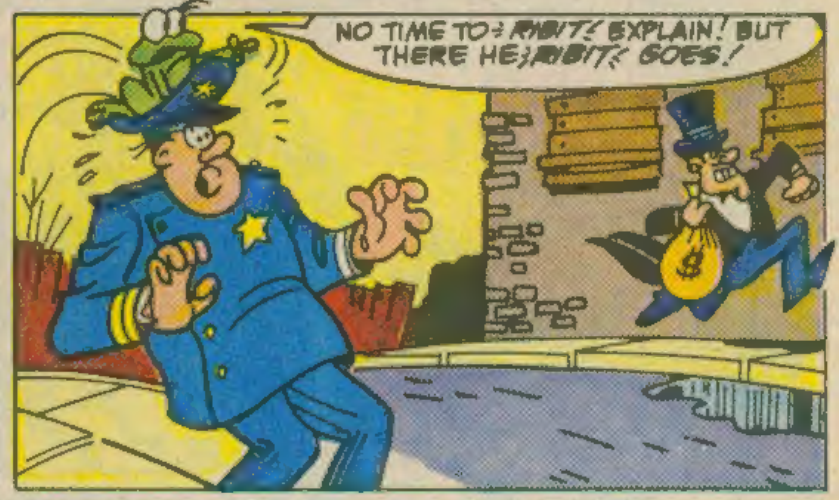

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, PAL?
OLICE


WATCH IT, ESMERALDA! THAT CAT'S GOT A SCREW LOOSE!
OLICE


SMOOCH!
HEY!

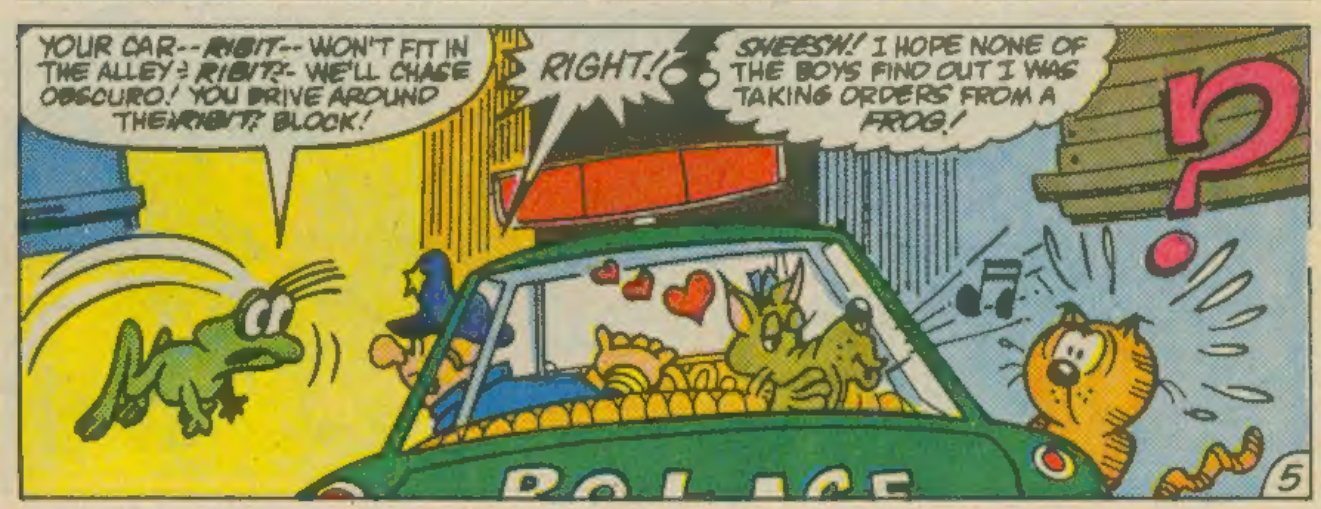

OFFICER→RIBIT!←-OBSCURO, THE MAGICIAN JUST ROBBED THE WEST→RIBIT!← FINSTER THEATER!

CATS KISSING DOGS? TALKING FROGS?! I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO MANY SHIFTS!!


NO TIME TO→RIBIT!← EXPLAIN! BUT THERE HE→RIBIT!← GOES!

FROG OR NOT, I KNOW A CRIME WHEN I SEE ONE! LET'S HIT IT, ESMERALDA!

HALT--IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!
COPS! I'LL CUT THROUGH THIS ALLEY!


YOUR CAR--RIBIT--WON'T FIT IN THE ALLEY→RIBIT?← WE'LL CHASE OBSCURO! YOU DRIVE AROUND THE→RIBIT?← BLOCK!
RIGHT!
SHEESH! I HOPE NONE OF THE BOYS FIND OUT I WAS TAKING ORDERS FROM A FROG!
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POLICE

LET'S GO, HEATHCLIFF ~RIBIT~ MOST FROGS LIKE A LILY PAD-~RIBIT~- BUT I PREFER A LAUNCH PAD!
'ATTABOY! ~RIBIT~
WOMP!
WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
WHAM!
YOU TWO AGAIN?! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
I DON'T THINK SO, OBSCURO!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL BE PAYING--PAYING A DEBT TO SOCIETY!
UNLESS YOU WANT TO ~RIBIT~ ARGUE WITH ESMERALDA!
CURSES!
GRRRR!
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SPEAKING OF CURSES, MAKE HIM ⟩RIBIT⟨ REMOVE HIS EVIL ⟩RIBIT⟨ CURSE ON US!
YOU'D BETTER DO AS YOU'RE TOAD!
THE BOY'S NOT A FROG, AS YOU ALL THOUGHT HE WAS, AND THE CAT WON'T WANT TO KISS DOGS ON THE SCHNOZZ!!
NICE WORKING WITH YOU GUYS! I'D SHAKE HANDS BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET WARTS!
LET'S HEAD HOME, HEATHCLIFF!
IT'S BEEN QUITE A DAY!
POLICE
IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO KISS ANY DOGS...
...I PROMISE NOT TO EAT ANY FLIES!
BUT, NEXT DAY...
KISS KISS
I THOUGHT HEATHCLIFF WAS THROUGH SMOOCHIN' POOCHES!
TELL THAT TO ESMERALDA! SHE'S GOT A CRUSH ON HIM!
the END

HEATHCLIFF IN "IT'S ALL YOUR VAULT"
RIGHT THIS WAY, PLEASE!
BE CAREFUL OF THE BARBED WIRE DOWN BELOW!
YOU CAN LET US IN, MEN!
DON'T WORRY! THE CAMERAS ARE TURNED OFF!
NOW TO CANCEL THE ALARM THAT CALLS THE MARINES!
AND FINALLY, I'LL OPEN THE DOOR TO OUR SUPER STEEL VAULT.
WE'RE THE ONLY BANK HE'LL TRUST WITH HIS STRING COLLECTION!
DECESARE/ROBITCHER
THE END